WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28 1988

# Crash experts find evidence of explosion

# US seeks formal FBI role in Lockerbie inquiry

● Experts searching the Lockerbie disaster wreckage have found damage probably caused by luggage exploding

■ The first bodies were released to relatives last night and are being flown to the United States for burial

• The American State Department is expected to make a formal request for

• Four men are due to appear in court expected to make a formal request for today in Dumfries in connection with FBI agents to be involved in the inquiry

the Christmas period,

explosive experts were called

in yesterday to start a forensic

and metallergic examination on a badly damaged passenger suitcase discovered earlier in

The other damaged suit-cases found yesterday will also

be sent to the centre and are

said to show more significant

signs of metal penetration. A

bomb inside a pressurized aircraft can send metal hur-

tling outwards at a speed of 24,000ft per second, leaving

easily recognizable marks.

The Ministry of Defence said that the Fort Halstead

scientists would not be mak-

ing any separate statement but

would pass on their findings to

the Scottish police who are heading the investigation at

However, a counter-terror-

ist source in Washington said:

The scientists will make a

series of tests to see if there are

any traces of burning from a

Experts from the Accident

Investigation Branch also ob-

bomb explosion.

By Harvey Elliott, Tony Dawe, Michael Evans and Kerry Gill were found to contain slivers

Experts believe that the

damage and injuries are in-

compatible with a cata-

strophic structural failure of

the jet, the other possible cause of the disaster.

British and American of-ficials insisted, however, that the cause of the crash which

killed at least 269 people must

remain open until further

investigations are completed.

terrorist squad to track down

It is expected that the US

State Department will make a

formal request for FBI agents to be involved in the police

inquiry immediately the

Washington headquarters to

Lockerbie in an attempt to

match them with some of the

joined the hundreds of other

the 30 bodies still missing,

hunt for clues to the crash in

the pieces already discovered.

Ministry of Defence's Royal Armaments Research and

Development Establishment

at Fort Halstead in Kent, to

48 hours after the Christmas

Day discovery of her daugh-

ter's body on a river bank

The tragedy came after the

disappearance of Mrs Elaine

Smith, aged 33, her son Christopher and daughter Claire, aged three, from the family home in Churchtown, near

Garstang, Lancashire, nearly a

month ago, after the children's

father said he intended spend-

ing Christmas with his lover.

caused by a bomb. Although efforts.

prove that the damage was originated, were pooling their

**Bodies of mother and** 

son in sunken car

By Ian Smith

craft construction.

As police frogmen yesterday Britain.

stricken airliner's victims.

If a bomb is blamed finally,

Frogmen in search

Spectrum Letters.

Disaster counselling

The hardest evidence so far that the Pan Am crash of metal. over Lockerbie was caused by a bomb was discovered yesterday by investigators searching the wreckage from Brit-

ain's worst air disaster. Parts of the plastic lining from one of the cargo bays of the Boeing 747 were found with heat damage which was caused most probably by luggage ex-ploding in the hold.

The evidence was sent immediately to the top research centre which yesterday began investigating a suitcase shattered in the disaster.

More suitcases which had one of the most comprehenbeen ripped by metal fragsive investigations ever mounted will be launched with the Federal Bureau of ments were also recovered yesterday. Some of the bodies Investigation joining forces with Scotland Yard's anti-

#### TODAY

 Portfolio resumes today, offering two crizes — the Accumulator fund, standing at £80,000, or the £4,000 daily prize. Prices: page 24.

#### THIS WEEK

#### First Light

 All this week The Times is serializing Peter Ackroyd's latest novel, a lyrical mixture of science and comedy. The third extract appears today on page 16.

#### Charades



 A simple quiz to test your knowledge of the arts: four more questions appear today on page 18.

#### IN PART 2

#### Oil price rise

North Sea oil prices are expected to rise today following the accident which has stopped production from three platforms \_\_\_\_\_ page 21

#### Pipe on song

Martin Pipe, the National Hunt trainer, had five winners, including Bonanza Boy in the Welsh National at Chepstow, to take his total for the season to 99 Page 26

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# Crew delivers Christmas baby girl at 39,000ft



ents: Mrs Maureen Capaldi and her husband, Franco, with baby Catherine Faye in Limerick maternity hospital.

# Labour leaders planning hard arms bargaining in Moscow

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

rule out a straight missile-for-Union in any future negotiations for the removal of the British independent deterrent. With a high-level Labour

been in Lockerbie since the night of the disaster. A special it was struck by disaster very agent said last night that the bureau had sent a number of fingerprint cards held at its team due to fly to Moscow next month for talks as part of the party's crucial defence policy review, it has emerged that Labour would be looking of the FBI in a full-scale police investigation could lead to one for a far more substantial of the most comprehensive response than has been suggested by previous contacts operations ever mounted in between the Labour leadership and the Kremlin.

officers and military person- ist branch under Commander nel searching for wreckage and George Churchill-Coleman would head such an investiginvestigators continued to ation. In Lockerbie last night, Mr Tim Dorch, an FBI special One indicated that the cargo agent, said his colleagues were Union and tying the hands of present to offer technical assistance and to offer investiga-

bay lining was the most significant find. It is made of keylar, an extremely strong tions in the United States any but lightweight polymer com-pound ideally suited to airclues that might arise in Scotland Yard said that The signs of heat damage although there was still no were clearly evident but it will evidence that a bomb was the be left to the scientists at the cause of the disaster, police

agencies involved in the inquiry, including the West

German police at Frankfurt,

where the Pan-Am flight had

a future Labour government. In talks with high-ranking members of the Soviet Communist Party and the Soviet

Labour leaders are expected to "something for something" Secretary. Its other members deal involving dismantling the missile deal with the Soviet British deterrent as part of multilateral arms control negotiations or a bilateral agreement between Britain and the Soviet Union.

Although no decisions have been taken, senior members of the defence group appear to be learning, in any negotiated

Heffer attack Leading article.

policy review group are Trident as part of the Start 2 the conference next year. emphasizing, in advance of strategic arms limitations. In any negotiated deal—the Moscow trip, that there is talks. The danger of a straight assuming that the policy re-

sources say.

are Mr Ron Todd, transport union general secretary, and Mr Tony Clarke, the national executive committee's chief representative on the group. Mr Todd's presence on the

trip is a reminder of the difficulties Labour faces in abandoning an outright unilateralist policy.

He cast his union's 1.25 million votes against the leadership at the party conference in October, but Labsettlement, towards the multi- our leaders are reasonably thinking in a recent interview lateral option, possibly in- confident of getting a non-Members of the defence volving the removal of unilateralist policy through

no intention of Labour, as an bilateral deal is that it would view does not reassert the future arms control disopposition party, negotiating be seen as giving the Soviet party's unilateralist stance—cussions."

It was confirmation that a hard bargain with Moscow.

government it will, however, fence secretary, with Mr Gernuckar firepower equivalent little impact on British explore the options for a ald Kaufman, shadow Foreign to 500 warheads, it is being opinion.

pointed out. The Soviet Union would effectively gain the removal of the second most important decisionmaking centre in the West in any potential nuclear conflict would be expected to respond accordingly.

In Moscow Labour's team will explore the possibility of some kind of reciprocal package, involving conventional or nuclear disarmament, or both.

Mr O'Neill gave strong indications on current Labour with the American Magazine were not going to Moscow "to negotiate treaties so much as to explore possibilities for

defence policy, Labour Britain would be able to strike Labour intends to go well beyond the sort of missiles The Labour team going to
Moscow will be headed by Mr
Martin O'Neill, shadow de
Removing Britain's deterdeal reached by Mr Michael
rent would mean far more
Foot and Mr Denis Healey in
Moscow in 1983 which had

# Co-pilot acts as mid-air midwife

By Patrick O'Hank

A jumbo jet acquired an extra passenger at 39,000ft over the Atlantic on Boxing Day after a torchlit delivery by the copilot of a premature baby girl.

The British Airways Boeing 747 from Barbados to Gatwick was diverted to Shannon airport, where a waiting am-bulance whisked baby Cath-erine Faye — two months early and weighing 3lb 11oz - and her mother, Mrs Maureen Capaldi, who lives in London. to St Munchin's maternity hospital, Limerick, where mother and baby were doing

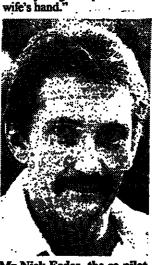
fine yesterday. Mrs Capaldi, who was 31 weeks pregnant - one week within the recommended limit for air travellers — went into labour three hours after

"It was getting a bit panicky and I went to give reassurance, convinced that the birth was not going to take place," Mr Nick Eades, the co-pilot, said. "But by the time I got there it was all happening.

"The head was already out. When the contractions stopped, the baby was there. It was really a do-it-yourself birth."

Mr Eades attended the birth of his own son 10 weeks ago, at which he cut the umbilical cord. "So I had seen it all before", he said.

It was half-an-hour before the baby breathed unaided, Mr Eades added. "We thought the little mite wasn't going to live. A stewardess got a suc-tion line from the medical kit while I tried artificial respiration. We decided to leave well alone and not cut the umbilical cord. I then rushed back to the flight deck to land the airplane. Mrs Capaldi was very calm throughout. But her husband was too shocked to do anything except hold his



Mr Nick Eades, the co-pilot who acted as midwife.

#### **Boost for Tehran-UK links**

# Iran releases jailed Briton

Mr Nicholas Nicola, aged

The bodies of a woman and the outskirts of Lancaster Cypriot origin from North her son, aged seven, were when a side door burst open, found by police frogmen in their submerged car yesterday, the River Lune. on an Air Iran flight looking slim and fit but refusing to She was found on the river speak to journalists. bank by a family walking to His unexpected release was church and immediately greeted with relief by the

Foreign Office after months of Photographs ... tortuous diplomatic negotiating as the first gesture by Tehran that it is intent on normalizing ties with London. police frogmen were assigned It could also herald the release of a second British After the disappearance of his wife and young children Mr John Smith, aged 33, made an impassioned plea for their prisoner, Mr Roger Cooper, and Iranian help in freeing the three British hostages in Leba-non, Mr Terry Waite, Mr John McCarthy and Mr Brian safe return. It was known that Police now believe Mrs Mrs Smith had about £500 Smith drove the family car when the trio were last seen into Glasson Dock basin on climbing into the family car. Keenan. According to the Tehran

relations with Britain when it freed a British prisoner held for two years in Tehran's Evin prison.

serving part of his three and a orities. Half year sentence for entering the country illegally from the remote border with Pakistan, case no armed with two weapons and

23, a British citizen of Greek ammunition. Britain maintains that nei-London, arrived at Heathrow ther he, nor Mr Cooper, who is



Mr Nicholas Nicola arriving

Iran signalled yesterday that it Times, Mr Nicola was freed have ever been charged or is serious about improving "for good behaviour" after tried by the Iranian auth-

Unlike Mr Cooper and the Beirut hostages, Mr Nicola's case never drew prominent political attention, because of his poor mental condition and the bizarre circumstances of his alleged crime.

Mr Cooper's brother, Paul, said: "The fact that they are choosing to release people held without trial from jail is a good sign but I don't think we should expect Roger's release immediately. In the long term it is good for Roger."

A Foreign Office spokes-man said: "Naturally the British Government is pleased with the Iranians for releasing Nicholas Nicola. At the same time we remain concerned at the continued detention of Roger Cooper and hope that he too will be released in the future." Commenting on the

# Media electoral frenzy fails to fire Soviet public

From Mary Dejevsky Moscow

With three months to go before the Soviet Union clects its new-style Parliament, the media are having a field day. The first stage of the process, nomination meetings for constituency candidates to stand in nationwide elections next march, opened on Monday and the electorate from Kamchatka on the Pacific to Kaliningrad on the Baltic" is being exhorted to plunge into the democratic process with a will.

People are said to be "learning how to be voters", calling for "openness, democracy and high standards" all over the place, and giving the representatives of "the people's interests" a mandate of trust". The elections,

scheduled for March 26, are being proclaimed as an event of "tremen-dous political significance", which will "involve millions of people in the electoral process" for the first

One hundred and seventy MPs have signed a document stating that British pport for a human rights conference in Moscow would be "premature" and expressing concern at the "continued denial of basic human rights in the USSR". Their statement appears as an advertisement in The Times today

time and "unite all strata of Soviet society in the struggle for perestroika". As yet, however, little of the media's frenzied enthusiasm has spilled out on to the streets. There are no election posters, there is no open

canvassing, and only the occasional candidate's manifesto appears, positioned coyly in a newspaper article extelling the person's virtues. The nomination stage is, perhaps, a little early for the outward trappings of an election to manifest themselves. But in a one-party state, the nomination is the key to the rest.

Whether the new-style Parliament will represent the interests of the people more accurately than the present Supreme Soviet does will depend on whether more representative people have been nominated as candidates. Present campaign issues echo the general official concern to further perestroika and combat pollution. Specific economic and political questions — such as price reform, privileges for officials, and co-

operative and private enterprise - have not found their way into candidates' published statements.

Reports of the first nomination meetings suggest this is going to be an uphill struggle. So far, most have been held at workplaces. Though people will vote according to where they live, and the candidates will mostly be local, the workplace remains the main

source of nominations. The front page of the official trade nnion paper, Trud, yesterday published reports of meetings in different parts of the country where most of the nominees had been members of the current Communist Party leadership. An organization at Askhabad in

Turkmenia had nominated President Gorbachov, and a factory in Yoshkar-Continued on page 20, col 8

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#### NEWS ROUNDUP

# Aids alert to Samaritan driver

Scotland Yard yesterday appealed to a motorist who gave first aid at a crash scene to an HIV positive casualty to come

The Samaritan driver, aged about 50, stopped his maroon Ford Sierra car at 4am after a green VW Golf crashed into a concrete pillar on the A4 beneath the M4 at Chiswick, west London. The bespectacled driver gave help to the man who had serious leg and facial injuries. The driver, who left before emergency service arrived, may have got extensive amounts of blood on himself as he helped the crash victim.

Inspector Alan Given, of Chiswick police, said: "The chap we are looking for had stopped and given the driver first aid before we arrived. It is essential we get hold of him because he may be at risk . . . and for the sake of his family." He was asked to get in touch with Chiswick police or the West Middlesex Hospital, where the injured driver was taken.

Mr Given said that several of the seven police officers and two ambulancemen who attended the accident shortly before 4am had been covered in blood. They received medical check-ups from a doctor before going off duty and were not thought to have been contaminated because they had no open cuts.

### Jockey faces eviction

A jockey who once won the Irish Derby has been ordered to leave his home-made hut after nuns gained an eviction order neave in nome-made aut after turns gained an eviction order against him. Mr Jimmy Mullane, aged 52, and his wife Nancy, aged 49, have lived together in the hut, made from, logs and plastic sheeting, on land at Wickham, Hampshire, for four years. Nuns at The Congregation of St Francis, who are trustees of the land, won the eviction order at a hearing at Winchester High Court last made. Mr Mullane when the same at Winchester High Court last week. Mr Mullane, who won the Irish Derby in 1952 on The 13 of Diamonds, has a longrunning dispute with the Jockey Club over compensation for injuries which ended his riding career. He said yesterday: "I just don't know what we're going to do". The Congregation of St Francis would make no comment

#### Afghans win meeting

Afghans protesting outside the Soviet Embassy in Kensington, west London yesterday on the minth anniversary of the invasion of their country by Russian troops were invited inside to meet Soviet diplomats for talks. The embassy said that three representatives of the Afghanistan Association in Britain held "constructive and businesslike" discussions for 45 minutes with counsellor Mr Vladimir Khanjenkov and third secretary Mr Ivan Zolotov. The Russians, who are completing their withdrawal from Afghanistan by February 15, emphasized to the Afghan delegation the need for dialogne between all Afghan leaders.

#### Seaman accused

A Portuguese seaman appeared in court yesterday accused of two murders. Joas Da Cruz Andrade, aged 30, a cook, was remanded in custody for seven days at a special sitting of Exmouth magistrates in Devon after an incident in the docks area of the town early on Christmas Eve. Senhor Da Crux Andrade from Benfica, Lisbon, serving on the British cargo ship Union Jupiter, is accused of murdering David Clifford, aged 29, a first mate, of Brightlingsea, Essex, and Clifford Haylett, aged 22, of Langstone Drive, Exmouth. An interpreter translated the charges and the prosecution's

#### Fourth arson attack

Arsonists set fire to a solicitor's home for the fourth time in a month early yesterday. The latest fire at the home of Mr Roland Fernandez, at Lower Road, Great Brickhill, Buckinghamshire, destroyed the roof. Arsonists also struck at a block of flats in Portsmouth on Boxing Day. Families were moved out after a fire was started in a corridor of the ninth floor of Learnington House, Somerstown. Children are believed to have started a series of fires in the old mortuary at Burlington Avenue, Slough, Berkshire, on Boxing Day.

#### Second man charged

A second man was charged yesterday with the murder of Victor Tamborini, aged 29, who was stabbed after being chased by a gang of youths in Fulham, south-west London, on December 21. Roger Nelson, aged 20, unemployed, of Talgarth Road, West Kensington, will appear before West London Magistrates' Court today charged with Mr Tamborini's murder. On Monday Richard Thomas, of the West Kensington Fetata, was removed by Marylebone West Kensington Estate, was remanded by Marylebone magistrates accused of the killing.

# Frogmen join the search for dead at Lockerbie

yesterday, the two men other were

arrested, one aged 20 at Duncow

and one aged 40 in Dumfries. All

three, as well as a man arrested over

By Kerry Gill

As the hunt for missing bodies from the Lockerbie air disaster continued yesterday, police frogmen were searching small lochs, reservoirs and bogs in an area covering 100 square miles.

Pieces of wreckage lie scattered over mile after mile of hills, moorland and narrow valleys, many of them covered with thick banks of

The cockpit, which crashed to earth yards from Tundergarth Church, is to be split in two before being transported away.

All day RAF transporters recovered wreckage from sites including Rosebank Crescent, Lockerbie, where one house was totally destroyed and many damaged and where bodies of passengers were also

Yesterday three helicopters were in action in the painstaking search, aided by 38 search dogs and 100

Another three men have been arrested for alleged theft of parts of the Boeing 747 airliner. One man aged 21 was arrested late on Monday in Ecclefechan, near in Ecclefechan, near Lockerbie. In the early hours of

soldiers of the First Gordon Highlanders.

Today another 100 RAF personnel will arrive to join the operation. The number of bodies recovered still stands at 240.

The Lord Lietenant of Dumfries, Captain John Milne Home, toured the shattered Sherwood Crescent area, where 11 townspeople lost their lives when a large section of the airliner crashed, causing a huge crater next to the A74.

He visited many of the damaged homes, speaking to residents who have since returned. After his visit he said: "The resilience of the survivors is quite remarkable. They are cheerful, thoughtful and very the weekend, are to appear today at Durafries sheriff court. gratified to the emergency services

who have supported them.

"The community in Lockerbie is very close knit. Everybody looks after everyone else and that helps to minimise the very natural grief that is felt. People I have visited are remarkably cheerful. They are thankful to be alive and very sad to have lost their neighbours."

A social worker who accompanied him said she had been helping the survivors in the street and had found them much more cheerful

An MP yesterday denounced as "sick crocodile tears" a message of condolence sent by an extremist Palestinian group to the families of those who perished in the Lockerbie

Mr David Wilshire, Conservative MP for Spelthorne and an aviation expert, was commenting on a statement by the Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC), led by Abu Nidal. According to Reuter, the message

was issued to reporters in Beirut by Atef Abu Bakr, an official FRC spokesman. It said: "In the name of our movement, we extend our condolences to the afflicted families of the victims of the American plane. We express our deepest sorrow for this tragedy."

Mr Wilshire said: "It is absolutely sick. I find these sort of crocodile tears nauscating."

A man who telephoned the American Embassy in Helsinki on December 5, warning that a bomb would be placed on a Pan Am aircraft by a woman, claimed that he belonged to Abu Nidal's organization.

● London needs a special disaster

the Lockerbie air crash happened in the capital, it was claimed yesterday.

The Association of London Authorities said it had "grave doubts that the available resources are sufficient to cope with the consequences of a Lockerbie-type disaster taking place in London".

It called for an urgent meeting with Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, to discuss disaster tactics in the capital.

Mrs Margaret Hodge, the associ-ation's chairman, said: "We have already seen the consequences of the King's Cross Underground fire and the Clapham train crash.

"While the people on the ground at the time responded with alacrity and must be congratulated, there was no real co-ordinated response.

"We need a specialist team with experience and technical ability to foresee the problems and needs of the victims and workers."

Spectrum, page 11

#### Disaster counsel service underway

By David Sapsted

An emergency counselling service has been set up by psychiatrists and psycholo-gists in Dumfries in an attempt to help those affected by the Lockerbie air crash come to terms with the tragedy.

"Judging by the experiences of other disasters, it will be a very long-term undertaking, maybe lasting years", Dr Robin McCreadie, senior consultant at the Crichton Royal Infirmary, said.

The knowledge accumulated by counsellors after recent disasters such as the King's Cross fire and Piper Alpha have been passed on to the Dumfries team.

"Basically, we are focusing on the long-term effects on the residents of Lockerbie; the help that rescuers who have had to contend with such disturbing scenes might need; and counselling American rel-atives visiting the scene, though there have been very few of them", Dr McCreadie

"Our task as far as locals are concerned has been made much easier by the fact our community psychologist ac-tually lives in Lockerbie and, in fact, witnessed the crash."

The team is working closely with both the social workers involved at the disaster emergency centre, the headquarters search for bodies, the police and fire brigade.

psychologist, said that there would also be difficulties in trying to get passengers' relatives to come to terms with their loss where a body had not been identified or even

# MoD rebuff on surface fleet number angers MPs

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

their report which questioned

The committee sent the

ministry its request for periodic breakdowns of the fleet's

Seven weeks later, just be-

fore the Commons rose for the

Christmas recess last week

and days before the deadline

set by the committee, the ministry replied that the

information was unavailable

The MPs held a swift infor-

"The impression we get is

really does seem to be digging

its toes in and saying the

One finds it hard to avoid

the suspicion that the cloudier all this is the better from the

Government's point of view"

one member said yesterday.

He described the ministry

behaviour as "unacceptable"

His colleagues were "miffed

information we want car

or will not be provided.

strength of the Navy.

The Ministry of Defence has MPs by sending what they refused to supply a senior all-considered an entirely inadparty committee of MPs with equate formal response to the information it needs to establish the true strength of the Navy's surface fleet.

The ministry has declined tions. to give the influential Conservative-controlled Select Com-mittee on Defence regular breakdowns of exactly how many frigates and destroyers are operational at any one

That has infuriated the committee, which has almost unqualified power to call for information. It has sent the ministry a demand for the fleet's operations programme on which forward planning is

The MPs are pursuing the and could not be supplied. matter because they believe The MPs held a swift info that ministers' repeated mal meeting at which they claims that the fleet is being decided that they would not maintained at "about 50" let the matter drop and to vessels mask the fact that at demand the operations proany one time up to a third of those may be mayailable.

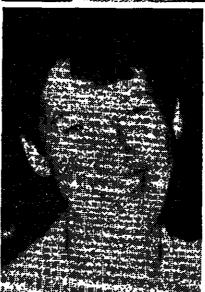
In a searing report last June that the ministry is very they described the fleet as reluctant to be Helpful. It overstretched, under-strength, increasingly outdated and

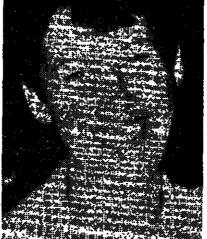
Earlier that month the non inal strength had been only 47, of which just 32 were fully operational. Repairs, refits and miscellaneous factors such as old age accounted for the non-availability of the

The ministry angered the

# Death car recovered







The car, in which the bodies of Mrs Elaine Smith and her son Christopher, aged seven, were is raised from the river Lune, Lancashire, yesterday. Her danghter Claire, aged three, was found drowned near by on Christmas Day.

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# Interest rate rises 'could bring decline in home ownership'

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

rates could lead to forced sales, falling house prices and, for the first time in memory, a drop in the proportion of owner-occupation, the Halifax Building Society warns the Government today.

Pointing out the danger to the growth in owner-occupation, a priority of the Thatcher government since 1979, the Halifax, Britain's largest building society, says that the housing market is being used as a key economic regulator.

As a result, home owners are having to bear an increasingly heavy burden of the Government's economic poli-

Property prices peaked in says. 1988 showing an annual increase of about 35 per cent, the strongest surge since 1973, but are likely to rise by only 5 per cent by the end of 1989, the Halifax Building Society

That assessment confirms the end of the property boom, just 9.45 per cent. the north of the country and Scotland from the ripple effect in the South, but also indicates that there should be no danger of a collapse in property prices unless interest rates rise

The Halifax nevertheless gives a warning about the effects of mortgage interest rates. Mr Jim Birrell, chief executive, said: "We believe that our borrowers will be able to cope with the increase in mortgage repayments following the recent rises in base

Further increases in interest rates to cause house prices to Whitfield, Nationwide Anfall could do great long-term glia's general manager, said. damage to the whole concept of owner occupation.

"To turn any inflation rate from 34 per cent to an expected 5 per cent within a year is a minor achievement.

"However, unprecedented levels of mortgage rates would court serious risks in the housing market, which would undoubtedly spread to the economy as a whole."

While interest rates and bouse prices have gone up, mortgage interest tax relief has not been increased in recent years, and that has had a marked effect on the cost of housing, the Halifax report

Five years ago the average new borrower in London would have had an average advance of £26,000, attracting relief on the whole sum, and resulting in a nominal mortgage rate of 13.5 per cent. working out at a net rate of

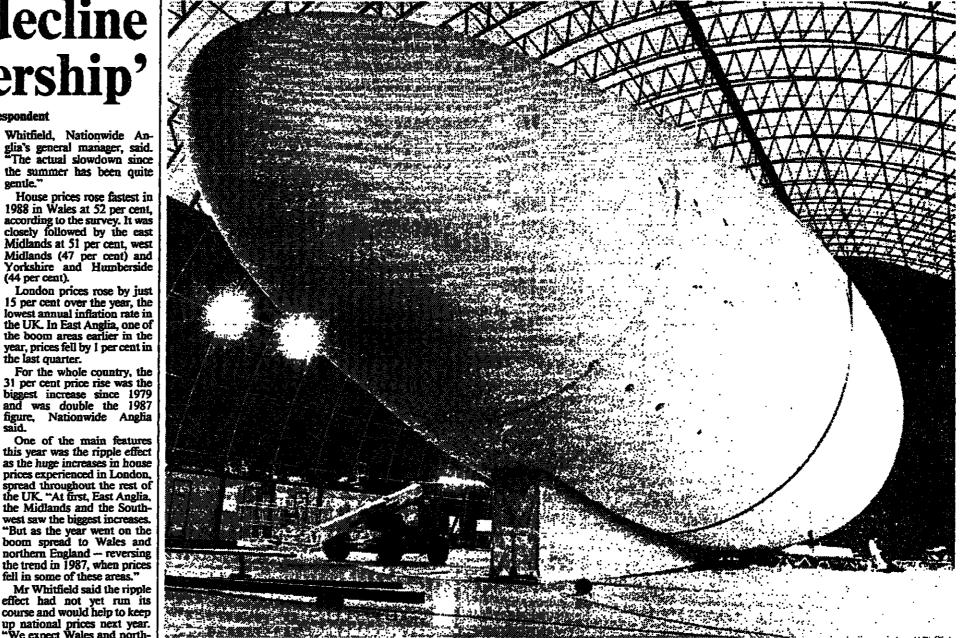
Since then, tax relief has not been increased, and in real terms has been cut back severely, the Halifax says.

Today's London borrower needs a loan of £69,000 and for him or her the present nominal 13.5 per cent mortgage rate translates to a net 12

However, a survey by Nationwide Anglia predicts that the rise in house prices is set to slow from 31 per cent this year to 10 per cent next

"This survey disproves the and 20 per cent. stories of doom and gloom we "But any attempt to use have been hearing over the England, the figure is likely to significantly higher interest last few months", Mr Brian be below 10 per cent."

# Airship shapes up for its first voyage



By Ronald Faux

In a gigantic fabric hangar that resembles in passing a grounded Zeppelin, this is the first of the new breed of airship being built at Jurby in the Isle of Man.

The Advanced Non-Rigid (ANR) airship is on target for take-off in the early spring. The 200ft long lozenge of helium will carry 30 passengers or almost four tonnes of cargo at 90mph and its designers forecast a host of

to a platform for police or military radar. Each aircraft will cost about £2.5 million and have a range of up to 2.400 miles. Brigadier John Hooper, ng director of the Advanced Airship Corporation, said there was no shortage of interested customers in Britain, Europe, America and the

Airships no longer had the shadow of the R101 or the Hindenberg disasters hanging over them. "People

regularly for many years between Germany and South America and across the Atlantic without a single life being lost", Brigadier Hooper said. "There was even a shuttle service by airship between Munich and Berlin which was so convenient and popular people used to strap-hang all the way.

"Unfortunately the concept was ahead of the technology and we all know what happens when hydrogen catches fire. Now technology is far

some of the shops and

thousands of people

ringing in". A travel industry spokesman

said there was no indica-

tion that high interest rates were going to have any impact on holidays

ahead of the concept and airships are extremely safe", he said.

The aircraft is powered by twin turbo-prop engines and has bow thrusters that assist manoeuvring at ground level.

Modern materials and ingenious design gives the airship strength and agility that the pioneers would have envied. "We are absolutely confident that at a push it would loop the loop but not with me on board", the brigadier added.

# The myths of conveyancing

By Our Property Correspondent

solicitors' monopoly of house sale conveyancing has in fact of the Act - have posed no strengthened their position, an experienced conveyancing solicitor says in a book to be published next month.

He also says the belief that solicitors have had to reduce their fees because of increased competition is a myth.

Mr Michael Joseph states that the Administration of Justice Act, which inaugurated licensed conveyancers, had strengthened solicitors' hold on the process by making it illegal for an unqualified person to prepared a contract sale, whereas hitherto it liths currently had been only preparing the charging at the rate of £100 an search to the council.

threat to the solicitors'

solicitors' conveyancing costs have been drastically reduced by having to compete with licensed conveyancers. Using a Law Society Gazette survey, he estimates that solicitors charge about £200 an hour for work "which is usually carried out by their unqualified clerk, or even secretaries".

He adds. "Now the senior partners of some top City deed of transfer which was hour, sometimes even £150 an

The Conveyancing Fraud by illegal. He argues that the hour. But how does the rank Michael Joseph (27 Occupation handful of mini solicitors" — and file solicitor get away with Lane, London SE18 3JQ; £4.95).

Legislation designed to end the licensed conveyancers charging £200 an hour for who have emerged as a result routine conveyancing work?"

The actual slowdown since

House prices rose fastest in

1988 in Wales at 52 per cent,

according to the survey. It was

closely followed by the east

Midlands at 51 per cent, west

London prices rose by just

15 per cent over the year, the

lowest annual inflation rate in

the UK. In East Anglia, one of

the boom areas earlier in the

year, prices fell by I per cent in

For the whole country, the

31 per cent price rise was the

biggest increase since 1979

and was double the 1987

figure, Nationwide Anglia

One of the main feature this year was the ripple effect

as the huge increases in house

spread throughout the rest of

the UK, "At first, East Anglia the Midlands and the South-

west saw the biggest increases. But as the year went on the

boom spread to Wales and

northern England - reversing

the trend in 1987, when prices

Mr Whitfield said the ripple

effect had not yet run its

course and would help to keep

up national prices next year. "We expect Wales and north-

ern England to be top areas in

1989, with annual house price

rises of between 15 per cent

"But in east and south-east

fell in some of these areas."

prices experienced in London.

(44 per cent).

the last quarter.

the summer has been quite

They do it, he says, by charging a percentage of the value or price of the house on Another popularly held which work has been done, myth, Mr Joseph says, is that rather than charging for the work itself, and in addition drag out the conveyancing process over three months or so "so that the customer will not know how much time the solicitor has actually spent".

> Mr Joseph argues that the delays in moving house are caused in part by the "quite unnecessary ritual dance" of solicitors in submitting preliminary inquiries to the vento don's solicitor and

Costa del Sol hotel services worry Florida holidays, and to said: "We had quenes at

increase capacity to take

holidaymakers to

Greece and Cyprus as

well. Pickfords, the travel agents, said yes-

terday that there had

been a strong response

to the firm's one-day

A drive is being launched by the Angligan church on the Costa del Sol in Spain to win back British holidaymakers who prefer to attend services organized by tour companies at the tourist hotels.

The Anglican church is suffering financial problems because of the growing trend for tour operators to include resident preachers in their long-term winter holidays.

Anglican congregations have dropped by half, reducing income and jeopardizing plans to build a £80,000 community centre to help old, lonely and destitute expatriates.

Mr Norman Richard, an Anglican lay preacher in the resort of Fuengirola, said: "We hold three services a day on winter Sundays,

The strength of the pound against the dollar means that Florida looks likely to be a leading attraction for British holidaymakers this year (Robin Young writes). One company said that it had already made plans to double its

original allocation of which raised about £300 to help hotels, British tourists crowded into a

for our chaplain. "That has been cut by 50 per cent. We get no financial help from the Church of England." Before the

introduction of services in holiday

sale offering up to £60 off package summer

towards the £12,000 a year we need chapel borrowed from the local

the needy". Declining attendances were causing concern. The Rev Ron Matheson, chaplain

for the past six years, said: "It would have made sense if the tour companies had consulted with us first, instead of sending clergy to hotels on Mr Paul Bach, a spokesman for

Saga Holidays, said: "We provide a full service for our clients' well-being including having clergymen on hand to tend to people's spiritual needs in times of stress or ill health". Religious gatherings were held in Roman Catholic community. Now hotel rooms "but it would be mos congregations and cash offerings have slumped. Mr Richard added: "We are linappropriate to make collections". His company would give considworking hard to raise £80,000 for a eration to any request for financial aid new church and social centre to help from the Anglican church.

# £1 a loaf by end of century

bread £1 a loaf are the prices we will be paying in 2000 according to an economic survey published today.

Although depressing at first sight, the forecast is good news, for economists believe that salaries will increase faster than prices and the estimates are far lower than those made at the start of the

Forecasts published then predicted petrol at £13 a gallon and beer at £3.57 a pint.

The latest figures come from the Woolwich Building Society whose economists have made the forecasts so that house prices, their main interest, can be related to the cost of everyday items at the start of the next century.

The survey predicts an average annual inflation rate of 5 per cent for the next 11 years today of £41,400 will have become £140,000 by the while previous forecasts were end of the century. The esti-

price of crude oil.

According to the Woolwich survey, a gallon of petrol costing £1.70 today will go up to £3.05, a pint of beer will rise from £1.04 to £1.87 and a loaf of bread from 52p to 93p by 2000. The Woolwich also fore-

casts an average 8 per cent a year rise in earnings, giving employees one and a half times more than they carn now. That means someone on £15,000 a year will be earning £37,500 by the year 2000 and someone on £25,000 will be worth £62,500.

As well as paying more for their beer and bread, they will have to find a much larger sum for their mortgages.

The Woolwich estimates

Petrol at £3 a gallon, beer based on higher inflation rates mates are based on the build-approaching £2 a pint and a rise in real terms in the ing society's firm belief that house prices will continue to soar for the rest of the century. It has produced a table of

expected prices for three typical homes in 15 places around A two or three-bedroom terrace house in Oxford, now

priced at £83,000, for example, is expected to jump to £284,000 by the end of the century, while the same type of property in Liverpool, now costing £21,000, will have just overtaken this year's Oxford level at £84,000.

A four-bedroom detached house at Kingston, Surrey, will increase from £190,000 to £640,000; and the same style bouse in Newcastle upon Tyne from £63,000 to £255,000.

"People who fear the property market will be gloomy can take heart from the survey", Mr Paul Rogers, for the Woolwich, said yesterday.

Sisters killed in house fire Three sisters aged three to aged three and John-James, their back bedroom. The other

eight died when fire swept through their home yesterday. Their parents, another sister condition was described as

and three brothers, including comfortable.
the twin aged three of one of The fire b the dead girls, survived the after 7am when the three boys blaze, which destroyed their were downstairs playing with two-storey council house in Ballyragget, Co Kilkenny.

It was the second such fire in the Irish Republic in two days. On Monday four children aged eighteen months to nine years were killed and their mother and father were injured in a blaze at Bray, Co Wicklow.

The girls who died in yesterday's fire were Julianne, aged eight, Colette, aged four and Aisling, aged three, daughters of Mr Michael Fitzpatrick and his wife, Jean, of the other girls crying and Greenview Terrace, Bally- screaming for help. But when

rick, aged seven, Michael, Two of the girls had died in may have started the fire.

hospital yesterday, where their

The fire broke out soon were downstairs playing with their Christmas toys while the rest of the family were still in

escaped from the blazing building with the three boys before realizing the girls were still inside. One neighbour, Mr Stephen

Donoghue, beat his way through the smoke and flames to rescue Siobhan, who suffered slight burns. He threw her down the stairs to safety. Mr Donoghue could hear

he and other neighbours tried The children who survived to get back in they were forced were Siobhan, aged nine, Pat- away by the smoke and heat.

aged one. All were still in died beneath her bed in a front

Mrs Catherine Cassidy, the mother who survived the Co Wicklow blaze, was still in a critical condition in hospital yesterday, while the children's father, Mr John Cassidy, was said to be stable.

A man and his wife were in Neighbours said the parents a serious condition at the scaped from the blazing special burns unit at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, Wiltshire, yesterday after a fire at their home, killing their two pet does.

> David and Rose Andrews. aged 50 and 40, were injured when flames swept their home at Woodlands, Middle Winterslow, near Salisbury, early yesterday morning.

The couple's house was damaged, and homes near by had to be evacuated at the height of the fire. Police said it was thought an electrical fault

# Opera and ballet night

London fund-raising evening for the Armenian earthquake appeal, it was announced yesterday.

Members of the Bolshoi and Kirov ballet companies and

The Royal Opera, The Royal Bailet, Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, and the orchestra of the Royal Opera House con-

International opera singers ducted by its music director,

Those who take part. Earthquake Appeal.

raised £1 million.

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#### Cabbies' heart attacks blamed on traffic jams

Hospital six or seven years be tackling the problem in any

ago, every single bed was constructive way."

Worsening traffic congestion taken up by cab drivers", Mr in London is being blamed for an increase in stress-related illness, including beart disease, among the capital's taxi

The Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association admits to mounting concern about the problem and is running a series of articles in its magazine Taxi on how drivers can identify and come to terms with stress caused by traffic jams.

Dr Tony Erlam, who holds monthly consulting sessions with London cabbies, says the problems facing some individuals have become so severe that he has had to tell them to are more readily recognized give up taxi-driving. Mr David Barnes, editor of

Taxi and a taxi driver, says the increase in London traffic is directly responsible for cabdisease and may, in fact, be problem. Even knowing Lonresulting in premature deaths. don inside out offers no escape "It is not coincidence that from the jams. We are laying when a new cardiac unit our health and livelihoods on opened at the Charing Cross the line but nobody seems to

Barnes said. "The truth about London

traffic is that, whereas in the past you had early-morning and late-afternoon peak periods, all you have now is a daylong rush hour. It never eases

Dr Erlam said that there has been a steady rise of stressrelated ilness among cabbies since he started monthly counselling sessions a decade "It is hard to say whether

this is directly related to the

increase in traffic or to the fact that problems caused by stress these days", he said. "Obviously, though, people who spend all day in such conditions are prime candidates for stress. Cab drivers bies' appalling record of heart are in the front line of this

#### The long Christmas break Britain's close-down amazes Europe

By Tim Jones and Philip Jacobson

reached the halfway mark of London, silence reigned. yesterday in their Christmas The bulls and bears were still holidays, their long break remained a profound mystery and Moet, while their hand-for most of their continental held cordless telephones were counterparts.

While all manner of British dustmen, rode to hounds, shot pheasants or exercised their whippets, the Paris metro was full of business suits yesterday.

It was the same throughout the Continent. On international stock ex-

changes as far apart as Tokyo, Frankfurt and New York, dealers were logging on to their screens in the hope of making a killing. In Belgium, France and

tries, by December 26 a number of businesses had already started again and even the post was being delivered. By yesterday everything was back to normal with only one other hol-day, January 1, still few days from today. Most days which have not been London just after Christmas.

As millions of British workers to look forward to. In the City notably, all building work has negotiated", he said. Produc-

Tomorrow, the City will be working men, from dukes to in second gear only as most of possible. the senior managers have fled to the Caribbean or the Seychelles leaving behind their junior staff, with limited powers to take action.

being recharged.

In what the "working man"

were also midway through the period of stop-go production. Italy, which are predomi-nantly Roman Catholic coun-All heavy industrial closed and will stay that way a long traditional Christmas until next week.

These are the fail-safe devices preventing the office federation of British Industry,

they prefer to celebrate New

come to a halt. This is because of an agreement negotiated in the trade which gives workers a specific winter break to compensate for the harsh climate when,

theoretically, no work is

Over the Christmas period, London was the warmest capital in Europe and building workers were at home sweating in their T-shirts. A spokesman for the Con-

junior from becoming a managing director or bankrupting the company.

The property of partial industry, which represents 250,000 firms employing 12 million neonlessaid variables. people, said yesterday that most firms found it economiwould call the "real world of cal to shut down for a long ligiously take to the ski slopes graft" the dark satanic milis holiday rather than to have a "It is important to remem-

break is made up of accu-Only a handful of collieries, mulated days off coupled with would never be considered. notably in Scotland, where agreed holidays. Until August, that is, when they prefer to celebrate New "There is no question of for weeks Paris bears a

tion schedules would take account of the Christmas break and in many companies overtime would have been worked in order to fulfil orders before the holiday. Large industries, such as

long shut-downs as complex plant, such as blast furnaces can be closed down for service ing only in a controlled and planned manner. Most Frenchmen tend to think it is a joke when told that L'Angleterre goes to sleep

British Steel, prefer to have

for a week or more over Christmas. But thousands of them re-

in mid-January every year. In the "new" France, with its eyes set on the new dawn of All heavy industry was ber that what has now become 1992, thoughts at Christmas of shutting down the economy as drastically as we do in Britain

Year's Day, will be open for a firms just surrendering holi-remarkable likeness to

# to help Armenians

By Emma Wilkins

and dancers will take part in a Bernard Haitink.

singers from Yerevan and Leningrad will perform at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, on January 11. They will join members of

including Natalia Makarova. Thomas Allen and June Anderson, are giving their services free. The evening is being held in association with the Entertainment Corporation. Proceeds will go to the British Red Cross Armenian

A musical evening sponsored by The Times two weeks' ago at the Barbican

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We welcome President Gorbachev's forthcoming visit to Britain as further evidence of the desire for progress in East-West relations which has been continuing since the 1975 Helsinki Accords on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

We urge a further strengthening of the Helsinki process in all its areas: security, economic co-operation and human contacts.

While acknowledging some progress, we view with concern the continued denial of basic human rights in the USSR particularly:

- ♦ the continued detention of prisoners of conscience
- ♦ the denial of the right to free emigration to 385,000 Soviet Jews who have expressed a desire to leave
- ♦ the introduction of restrictive new emigration rules in 1987
- ♦ the limits still placed upon religious and cultural expression.

Mr Gorbachev is likely to request that a Human Rights Conference be held in Moscow. Naturally we must assess the good faith of the Soviet Union in the light of improvements in the above conditions. We look forward to the day when these improvements take place at which time we will be able to give our warm support to the holding of such a Conference. Support at the present time would be premature.

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# Tough jail sentences 'best | Smiling through the sales crush way to cut property crime'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Tough jail sentences cut crime against London. The results suggest that changproperty more effectively and cheaply than increased numbers of police, according to a former Home Office economic adviser.

Dr David Pyle calculates that sending 10 per cent more offenders against property to prison would cut the crime rate by 8.5 per cent.

Longer sentences would also produce an 8.5 per cent cut. But increasing the number of police officers by 10 per cent would secure only a 3.2 per cent reduction in offences.

Dr Pyle, senior lecturer in economics at Leicester University, reports his findings in *Economic Affairs*, journal of the Institute of Economic Affairs.

He was dissatisfied by most work on the economics of crime and punishment using US data, and constructed an economic model of crime using data for a cross-section of forces in England and Wales. It used all forces except the Metropolitan Police and the City of

ing sentencing policy costs much less than increasing police numbers.

Each 1 per cent cut in property crimes, achieved by lengthening the time criminals spend in jail, costs £3.6 million, according to Dr Pyle's estimates.

Each I per cent cut achieved by sentencing more criminals to prison costs an estimated £4.9 million. But each 1 per cent cut secured by increasing police numbers costs £51.2 million, he says.

Criminals also respond to positive incentives. An increase in potential illegal gains encourages offences against property, while a reduction in unemployment discourages it, the study says. "Rates of recorded property crime do respond to changes in deterrence and incentives, but the response is quite

"On the basis of these estimates it makes little sense to try to reduce property crime by employing more police officers", Dr Pyle reports. One possible reason may be that some of these offences, such as burglary, are not: directly deterred by, for example, extra police patrolling.

More police manpower can deter these offences only by increasing the detection rate, which is notoriously difficult, Dr

"Economic analysis of crime lends support to Mrs Margaret Thatcher's policy of increasing police spending and imposing tougher sentences on convicted criminals in order to reduce

Though the costs of these policies is considerable the Government has pursued them. And yet crime has not come "What has gone wrong? The more

than doubling of unemployment since 1979 has entirely swamped the deterrent effects of increased spending on the police and harsher sentencing. The net result has been a rise in crime, falling



By Robin Young

Selfridges, Oxford Street, London, yesterday, carries his purchases high above the shoppers as the capital's West End celebrated the second coming of the ing crowds. There were crash barriers but few people in Regent

Street and Oxford Street when the doors opened, although crowds grew during the day. "The queues are so short you would feel silly joining them", one woman outside Dickins & Jones in Regent Street said at 8.30am. Outside Selfridges in Oxford Street there were about 100 people to hear a dixieland jazz band's efforts to put them in a big spending

mood. In Manchester there were long queues winding round Kendal Milne in Deansgate and Debenhams in Market Street. In Lewis's in Market Street a big attraction was Christmas cards reduced to half-price for use next year and, at the store's Leeds branch, customers cleared 3,000 boxes of cut-price cards in the first

# Rape victim loses benefit after award

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

A rape victim was deprived of social security benefit after receiving compen-sation, the National Association of Victim Support Schemes said yesterday.

The association is demanding a change in the rules. It says that many victims of violent crime had found themselves in the same plight. Mr Martin Wright, of the association, said: "One victim wrote to the Criminal Injuries Compensation

Board saying that she didn't want to receive her full award because she was afraid of losing her social security benefit".

The rape victim received £6,000 compensation and learnt from a Victim Sunport volunteer that she would lose benefit if she had been awarded more than £3,000, so she used the rest of it to pay off a bank loan and debts which had accumulated while she was unable to work.

Twenty months after she had received

her benefit payments. The association says that benefits can

be stopped if the compensation award is for £6,000 or more, although reductions can be made on a sliding scale after awards of between £3,000 and £6,000. The Department of Social Security confirmed that payments received would be regarded as capital. The system was gned for the poorest and most

# Plea for pupils to decide on worship

By David Tytler, Education Editor

England and Wales should be have the right to be excused. able to decide whether they continue to study religious education and to attend daily services, the National Association of Head Teachers says.

The association is to ask Mr State for Education and Science, to amend the Education Reform Act so that pupils aged between 16 and 19 can have the right to withdraw.

At present the Act allows only parents the right to education. remove their children from religious education and the

morning assembly. Mr David Hart, the association's general secretary, said yesterday: "We have a unique situation where pupils have the right at 16 to choose which subjects they will do for A school then he is bound by the level, AS level or in any of the rules of the school", he said. wide range of 17-plus examinations now available, with this

one unique exception. igious education they have no rights; it is only their parents who have the right to decide religious education and, in seek a change in the law."
addition, whether they have to • The National Association attend a daily act of Christian of Schoolmasters/Union of worship. These young adults

have no rights at all. back and reflect on this situa- time to settle teachers' pay tion, which is almost an claims for 1990. anachronism, there could be some changes.

ment to consider amending service".

small.

Senior pupils at schools in the Act to allow the pupil to This was one aspect of the Act that was badly overlooked

when it was being debated in

the summer." Mr Hart also spoke of an inconsistency in the Act which Kenneth Baker, Secretary of meant that the religious requirements applied to all sixth formers in schools and in sixth-form colleges but not to

students in tertiary colleges. They are covered by regulations for colleges of further

Mr Colin Alves, general secretary of the Church of England's General Synod board of education, said the points had been put to the Government and had been

"If a pupil is a member of a school then he is bound by the "The same applies to a sixth-

form college. "It has to accept the respon-"In this one subject of rel- sibilities of being under the school regulations the benefits.

"It comes as a package and whether they should continue it is rather late in the day to Women Teachers is asking Mr Baker for urgent talks on res-"I think when people sit toring negotiating rights in

It said: "The NAS/UWT will not suffer silently the loss "We are not asking for a of the basic trade union and blanket exemption of 16 to 19- democratic right to negotiate year-olds, but for the Govern- pay and conditions of

# Upsetting children can

# save a tobacconist £400.



# Road holes 'cost £220m each year'

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

holes dug in roads and pave- time the temporary surface ments every year cost Britain may have to be repaired £220 million, according to a several times, each time Department of Transport adv- disrupting traffic. isory committee.

other undertakings, also add to traffic congestion, the committee says.

It is calling for legislation which would make the utilities totally responsible for filling the holes and reinstating the surface when work has been carried out, instead of as alone 600,000 holes are made at present, the responsibility being divided between the utilities and local authorities.

It also wants improved standards of supervision and management, and workers to be trained and given certificates of qualification.

The street works advisory committee, chaired by Mr Stuart Mustow, a consulting no remaining obstacles to the engineer, was set up after the publication four years ago of the Horne report on roads and the utilities. Consultations programme for this year". have lasted more than two

now almost unanimous agreement in his committee and the authority supported the among local authorities and the utilities that new legislation is needed to replace the Public Utility Street Works Act 1950.

are responsible for temporar-ily making good the surface of those standards. a road or pavement after

allow time for the filling to docklands. Almost all the jobs scule down, may not take required some street works.

Delays and poor standards in place for between six months repairing the three million and two years. During that

Mr Mustow said: "On the very conservative assump-The holes, dug by gas, elec-tricity, water, telephone and tions that a third of the holes dug in Britain each year require extra attention costing £100, and a tenth of the holes result in adjacent damage costing £400, bad excavation and reinstatement is costing £220 millions a year".

in roads and pavements every

If half of those are on carriageways, and if many could be reinstated in one operation, instead of in at least two operations, it could significantly reduce conges-

Mr Mustow says there are introduction of legislation, "but sadly a space has not been found in the legislative

Mr Geoff Littlewood, di-

visional manager for the south Mr Mustow says there is and west division of the Thames Water Authority, said proposals outlined by Mr Mustow. It was hoped that national standards would be set for workmen responsible filling trenches and Under the Act the utilities reinstating the road surface, with men being trained to

The London Electricity works have been completed. Board said it had a very large But it is the local authorities construction programme to which are responsible for the meet a big increase in demand final resurfacing, which, to in the West End, the City and

If someone apparently under 16 asks for a packet of cigarettes, to bacconists must say no. The penalty for saying yes could be a fine of up to  $\pm 400$ . ISSUED BY THE TOBACCO ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE BRITISH TOBACCO INDUSTRY



# Radioactive waste report may upset electricity plans

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

the disposal of radioactive heartlands. waste, due to be delivered to Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, before the end of this month, may severely disrupt his tight timetable for electricity privat-

the Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive, says recommended because of its the Government must quickly decide on a long term site for already a concentrated storage

Temporary stores, it will say, are dangerous and costly and a single, central deposit is urgently needed. Nirex will a permanent store. hint that unless the Government makes a firm decision, site next to the Dounreay the privatized electricity industry will have no guaranteed deposit for the radioactive material that will be generated, and could face zigantic bills.

The report will recommend at least three possible sites for a deep store, leaving Mr Parkinson with the unenviable task Government has repeatedly backed away.

A previous effort by Nirex to get government backing for a long-term store foundered 1987 when Tory MPs. including the then chief whip, Mr John Wakeham, rebelled.

This time Nirex is recommending sites in Scotland, cheapest option, the large Cumbria and Cleveland, away number of people in Stockton

At the top of the new list is an excavation next to the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant run by British Nuclear Fuels. Sellafield already stores highly radioactive waste and at Drigg, near by, is Britain's The report, from UK Nirex, only existing store for low level wastes. Sellafield is rail links and because it is

Nirex proposes drilling a deep mine running under the Cumbrian hills and fitting it as

Other candidates include a reactor in Caithness. Nirex proposes drilling a mine out of the Atomic Energy Authority's property into land owned by Lord Caithness, who conveniently happens to be a Conservative minister of state at the Department of Environ-

The third, possibly most of alienating public opinion controversial candidate, is an over an issue from which the existing mine at Billingham on Teesside.

The mine - for anhydrite, a kind of salt used in chemical processes - was excavated by iCI and has been abandoned. Previous explorations on the site by Nirex occasioned noisy protests, and although Billing-ham would probably be the

A closely guarded report on from the Conservative Party's and Middlesbrough, near by, might rule it out.

Government sources have indicated that a decision on the Nirex report could come from Mr Parkinson as early as February. The later he leaves it, the more potential confusion there may be surrounding the issue of nuclear power generation after privatization.

After the Government ordered Nirex to stop its search for a shallow trench as the firture deposit for low level wastes, it has been investigating geological options for a deep mine. It has ruled out drilling beneath the sea on the ground that public opinion is

vehemently against it. Nirex experts have visited Sweden to study a man-made installation in which drums of waste are packed in concrete

The existing repository at Drigg is not yet full, but is not thought likely to offer long term prospects for storage. Nirex has been concerned only with low and intermediate level wastes - caused for example by the use of X-rays in hospital medicine, or material discarded by nuclear industry workers.

Highly radioactive material from within nuclear reactors is stored on the site of nuclear generating plants and there are no plans for a central

# Balmy weather brings out early blooms



Plants at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, have reacted to the balmy airstream from the Canary Islands which brought Britain the mildest Christmas holiday weather on record by blooming early. With London warmer than Rome yesterday at lunchtime, the Japanese variety of wood hepatica being studied by Mr Tony Hall has flowered two to three months earlier than usual.

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

A senior Labour left winger accused eading members of his party yesterday of lacking faith in socialism and adopting a Thatcherite agenda. Mr Eric Heffer, MP for Liverpool, Walton, who was defeated by Mr Roy Hattersley for the deputy leadership, said in a new year message to his

party figures had lost confidence in the Labour movement's future.

Without mentioning names, he said: "They accept the attitude similiar to the rabbit before the stoat either petrified into inactivity or into meaningless activity which they trust will meet with the approval of their political enemies". He said those Labour members who believed the party could not win the next election were seriously wrong, and continued:
"There are others, both in the
movement and outside, who reflect the Thatcher view that socialism is either dead or has no real future. They are equally wrong."

Those who lacked confidence in Labour included some "in leading positions". They were looking for a way forward through Thatcherism. proportional representation and coalition government. "Others seek not simply to change party policy but to fundamentally change the nature and character of the party, thereby transforming it into a party which accepts a capitalist system but with a slightly more benevolent face."

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Police and the public

# Force may release a code of conduct

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A statement of mission racist nor sexist; serve the drawn up by Sir Peter Imbert, public; be a cost-effective Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, and his senior consult with the community commanders may be put to and other agencies in pursuing the public and politicians for

A draft version of the code after a consultants' report on has been circulating among officers and staff for some weeks. The response is said to range from enthusiasm to goals. There was no common anger where the code is seen as insulting. Overall, police are said to be in favour of the 10 points.

the statement others may fashion a similar one for their own officers.

In the next few weeks Sir Peter will decide whether to include the code in his annual strategy report to the Home Secretary as part of the general plan for the year ahead, or start asking London's MPs and consultative groups to the overall was completed.

The report, by Wolff Olins, noted there was "no consistency of views on the overall the control of the c give their views.

Sources within the Yard expect that the commissioner will decide to get public views on the code which may later be printed and distributed throughout the force.

The draft code suggests the purpose of the Metropolitan Police is to: uphold the law fairly and firmly; maintain the public peace; act with honesty and integrity; adopt the high-est standards; and be compassionate and courteous to others; and uphold individual

service; and co-operate and the police purpose.

The code was drawn up the image of the Metropolitan Police pointed to the need for the police to have a clear list of sense of purpose.

When the force was created in 1829 it was given a mission statement setting out general interpreted in a booklet produced by Sir Kenneth Newman, Sir Peter's predecessor. But the mission statement needed further revision and the work had already been started even before the report was completed.

mission of the Met nor how each individual contributes to the whole". Officers had a high degree of independence in the way they worked.

The report called for the force to feel more united and be clearer about what it was set up to do. It should adopt a more positive attitude towards the concept of service.

The report, A Force for Change, also suggests changing management operations and the presentation of the force's public image through rights. They should behave in factors such as the appearance a manner which is neither of police stations.

# 'Workshops' used to improve image

By Our Crime Reporter

sent thousands of officers back to school to learn how to deal with the public.

More than 3,500 members

of the Thames Valley force and 1,400 staff have been attending one-day "work-shops" to teach them new skills in handling the public. Senior officers believe the

courses have already helped to create a 15 per cent drop in complaints against the force. The workshops and other ideas being tried by Thames Valley could be taken up by

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other forces. Thames Valley took advice from Wolff Olins, the design consultants who have recently ...8am-8pm carried out research on the public image of the Metropoli-

tan Police. The workshops are part of a programme called "Make Contact" which also includes the use by officers of special visiting cards so that the public can identify who they dealt with and where to find them. The cards include the name, station and telephone extension where the officer

can be reached The workshops also involve videos and courses in body

Instructors set officers scen-

One of the country's biggest solve them. They might, for police forces is brushing up its image for the new year and has handle an irritable member of the public at a station counter.

The programme may also lead to a radical change in police uniform and stations. The force is considering the wearing of identity badges by all officers so that they present a more human face to the public than simply the traditional police number on their shoulders.

Public areas of police sta-tions may also be brightened up and opened to the public much in the way that some institutions such as banks have now created larger public

The contact programme was initiated by Mr Colin Smith, the chief constable of Thames Valley, and Mr Barry Rutherford, his deputy, in 2 drive to build closer links with the public.

Mr Smith said he believed his force offered a first-class service, but this had to be communicated to the public.

Junior officers have followed up the workshops with suggested improvements in the way stations deal with the public by placing greater emphasis on the importance of officers responsible for general station duties and answering queries. These arios to consider, so that they should no longer be regarded can decide the best way to as "sin bins" for officers.



NOBODY DOES IT BET

# Mystery over failure to release French hostage sisters deliver the girls as their belated spokesman in west Beirut, was in usual serene temperament when

The ordeal of the two young French sisters in the hands of a Palestinian extremist group continued yesterday with reports from Lebanon suggesting that they had still not been allowed to leave

It now appears that Virginie and Marie-Laure Valente, aged six and seven, remained in detention at the very moment on Monday when a spokesman for the Abu Nidal faction was assuring their family that they had been libcrated as a gesture to mark

According to Palestinian sources in Beirut yesterday, the release was delayed at the last moment because, after holding the girls with their mother Jacqueline (who gave birth to another daughter, Liberte, in captivity) and five Belgians for more than a year, Abu

on their way in person. Other reports from the Lebanese capital suggested that the sisters would shortly be released into the care of Colonel Gadaffi, following the Libyan leader's appeal on their behalf. Their release could then be exploited to his own advantage in the international community.

Whatever the exact reason for the last-minute hitch, a bitterly realistic judgement came from the girls' grandmother, Mme Brigitte Valente, who had flown to Beirut with other members of the family just before Christmas to plead with the terrorists, only to return to France broken-hearted and empty-handed

"We have been manipulated," Mme Valente said from her home in Lyons. "I think they are going to keep up the suspense, but in any case, the family can do nothing more. Now it is up to the

The cynicism with which Abu

using Marie-Laure and Virginie for propaganda purposes has undoubtedly rebounded against

Yesterday's newspaper headlines, often above a charming photograph of the girls, spoke of "heartless trickery" and the "deepest anguish" of the Valente

As the confusion mounted, the French Foreign Ministry - which has been criticized for not working more vigorously to secure the freedom of Mme Valente and her daughters since they were ab-ducted from a converted sardine boat off the coast of Lebanon and accused of spying for Israel - would say only that "efforts are

continuing".

Mme Brigitte Valente said the Quai d'Orsay had told the family to be prepared to wait, "so we are

Meanwhile, having left her

grandchildren's intended Christ-mas presents with a French journalist in Beirut, she dispatched a tearful New Year's message to all the hostages, praying that 1989 "will see the end of

BEIRUT: The Abu Nidal organization yesterday had no explanation for its delay in delivering the two sisters to their father in Paris (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes).

Perhaps the only thing that became apparent, as another day passed without a single clue on the wherabouts of the girls, was that the world's most feared Palestin-ian faction has chosen to take advantage of international attention on the case to warn against an American attack on Libya.

Officials of the Fatah-Revoluionary Council kept emphasizing that Marie-Laure and Virginie will arrive in France at some point and everything seems to indicate that Abu Nidal's men will eventually of the world".

The questions are when, how

and from where, but all of that, of course, remains a real mystery. In an effort to add weight to claims that the release and transportation arrangements had taken place as planned, the FRC yesterday went as far to claim that the notorious Mr Sabri el-Banna, the real name of Abu Nidal, had personally seen the girls off to Paris. "Abu Nidal, the Secretary General of the Fatah Revolutionary Council, visited Marie-Laure and Virginie at a secret post in Lebanon and wished them a safe trip to their family," said a

statement of the group. Abu Nidal, who has not been seen for years, was accompanied by Mr Salim Ahmed his deputy, and that both had "expressed their satisfaction over the special sec-urity arrangements," it added. Mr Walid Khaled, the FRC

he told reporters that the two girls were "very happy, they are eating chocolates and have gained weight". Mr Khaled, however, offered no clues on when they would become visible. "I cannot set a specific date for the arrival in Paris or say anything more than what has been mentioned in the statement," he said.

The FRC said on Monday that the girls had been released and were expected to arrive by air to Paris the same night.

An unidentified man who answered the telephone at the offices of the Fatah Revolutionary Council in west Beirut yesterday told a reporter that the delay had to do with bad weather conditions in the Mediterranean.

If the storms castigating the Levant for the past three days are indeed conspiring against the girls' arrival in France, they certainly appear to be acting in favour of

captured a world audience at the precise time when Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader and main supporter of the FRC, feels in an obvious reference to

threatened by the United States. President Reagan's alleged intention to take military action, possibly with European help, in order to prevent Libya from producing chemical weapons, the FRC communique warned that such operation would inevitably provoke retaliation from Libya's

Libya has denied allegations it plans to produce toxic gas and maintains that the factory that Washington says can become a main outlet of chemical weapons is in reality a pharmaceutical

"Reagan will carry the responsibility for any expected reactions to this threat by revolutionary forces," the FRC communique

#### Israel's economic crisis

# Peres moves swiftly to devalue shekel by 5%

days after taking office last Finance Minister, yesterday took his first decisive step towards coming to grips with the country's troubled economy and devalued the shekel by 5 per cent.

The move by Mr Peres, the Labour Party leader, served notice that Israel is to pursue a far more interventionist economic policy than Mr Moshe Nissim, his Likud Party

During Mr Nissim's two years at the Treasury, he single-mindedly implemented a sit-tight policy, the primary of a devaluation had led to a aim of which was to keep mass flight from the shekel inflation below 20 per cent a over the past few months, with year. While he achieved that Israelis buying foreign curgoal, critics have charged that rency worth more than \$2 this was at the expense of a billion (£1.1 billion). Yesdeepening recession and a terday alone, a record \$170 ing approach of the unflap-disturbing rise in unemploy- million-worth of foreign cur- pable Mr Nissim is not his,

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Israel, have been calling during the past couple of months for a devaluation, primarily to bring down real wage costs and to enhance the declining competitiveness of exports.

Mr Peres, who has been holding a marathon series of consultations with representahad made it clear he was reluctant to devalue the currency except as part of a package which included mas-

sive public spending cuts. But widespread anticipation over the past few months, with

lar, backed by the Bank of apparently this that prompted are going to be taken. Mr Peres to move yesterday, surprising most observers who did not expect him to act before he had finalized the

details of an overall economic

industrialists and unions. yesterday's devaluation may tives from all sectors of the have been a stop-gap measure economy since he took office, intended to end public speculation and stem the flight levels of under 20 per cent. from the shekel, with another possibly larger devaluation in

> The Bank of Israel has been seeking for a 15 per cent devaluation, to be accompanied by a \$1 billion cut in public spending - a call supported by industry.

Mr Peres has made it abundantly clear that the stonewallThe Labour leader has

claimed much of the credit for extricating Israel from the far more dangerous economic crisis it faced four years ago, when as Prime Minister for package with the country's industrialists and unions. the first two years of the last It has been suggested that Government he oversaw measures that brought down inflation from more than 400 per cent a year to the current

> Although Mr Peres accepted the Treasury portfolio with demonstrable reluctance as a poor second to his preferred choice of the Foreign Ministry, there can be little doubt that he is determined to tackle Israel's deeply troubled economy with the same tireless activism that characterized his last two years as Foreign

# Arens consults Husain about quest for regional peace deal

about a Middle East peace settlement, officials said

The move confirms that Israel's planned new peace initiative depends in part on bringing Jordan back into the peace process. On the other hand, prospects for a visit to Israel by President Mubarak of Egypt appeared to recede yesterday when a senior Egyptian official said such a visit was conditional on Israeli agreement to dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization. The new Israeli Likud-Labour coalition has rejected contacts with the

Mr Arens's letter to King Husain stresses the important role that the Jordanian monrole that the Jordanian mon-

West Virginia, who saw Mr Arens yesterday and is visiting Amman today, says that Israelis studying Jordanian positions carefully. Mr Rockefeller



Mr Moshe Arens, the new arch plays in the region, also had a meeting with Mr select Palestinian repres-Israeli Foreign Minister, has officials said. The letter, to be Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime entatives. On the other hand, written to King Husain of conveyed by Senator Jay Minister, who told him that last July, King Husain severed Jordan on moves to bring Rockefeller, a Democrat from Israel would soon launch a his formal links with the West political initiative on Middle East peace.

Mr Shamir added that his proposals would be "very remote" from the ideas propounded by Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, who seeks the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Mr Shamir said Israel would try to persuade the United States to give up its any encouragement shown to the PLO could only be an

impediment to peace. The Israeli initiative reportedly includes proposals for a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation at future peace

In theory, this would over-

Bank, clearing the way for the PLO to assert its jurisdiction in the region and to declare an independent state of Palestine.

Negotiations have been taking place between Cairo and Jerusalem in the past few days over the proposed visit to Israel by President Mubarak. But Mohammed Bassiouny, the Egyptian Ambassador to Israel, said after meeting Mr dialogue with the PLO, since Arens that the Egyptian leader could only come to Israel if Jerusalem could offer "something new".

> Dr Butros Butros Ghali, the Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said yesterday that the proposed Egyptian-Israeli summit was con-ditional on Israel talking to

come the problem of how to the PLO.

# Paying tribute to Java's god of fire



Four men standing inside the volcanic crater of Mount Bromo, eastern Java yesterday. They were waiting to collect gifts and sacrifices thrown down by pilgrims in a Hindu-Buddhist ceremony to placate the local fire god and ensure good harvests.

# Child abductions worry Britain

Mr Eggar identified the

mally young, normally drunk

and nomrally male" and said

ism in 1988 were committed

He singled out the consular staff in Athens for special

praise for the assistance they

gave hundreds of British

holidaymakers who suffered

in the terrorist attack on the

City of Poros ship and the

colliding with a tanker in

The British Ambassador in

Luxembourg, Mrs Juliet Campbell, was also men-tioned for allowing a British

holidaymaker who could not

afford a camp site fee to pitch

his tent in her garden. In

Moscow, the consul lent his

boxer shorts to a woman who

was in hospital and ran out of

The report predicts that cheaper package travel holi-days to more remote regions

of the world will lead to a

greater strain on consular

Mr Eggar said that the Foreign Office is planning to open 19 new honorary consul

posts from Turkey to Brazil.

underwear.

services.

Jupiter ferry which sank after

By Nicholas Beeston

The Foreign Office is growing related offences. There were increasingly concerned about 782 this year, only five less the rapid rise this year in the than 1987. number of child abductions from Britain, involving child- British troublemakers as "a ren whose parents dispute tiny number of Britains nor-

their custody.

The Annual Review of Consular Work 1988 released that the worst incidents of today says that 140 children British brawling and hooliganinvolved in 96 cases were taken out of the country by British tourists in Spain illegally, mostly to North Africa, the Gulf States and He singled out the consular

Spain. "The child abduction cases are the most heart-rending of the year," said Mr Tim Eggar, the Foreign Office minister responsible for consular

In most cases, consuls and British courts are almost Piraeus harbour. powerless to return a child to Britain because the country concerned is not a signatory of the The Hague and European Conventions on Child Abduction and Custody.

Most Muslim countries

award the father custody of a

Although Spain has signed the agreements, repeated pleas for help in a number of child abduction cases have gone unheeded.

The consular report says that about 25 million Britons travelled abroad last year, and shows a jump by 19 per cent to 1.677 in the number of British prisoners serving sentences abroad this year.

The largest category was for But he warned travellers to be Britons detained for drugs-careful.

# WORLD ROUNDUP

### Five dissidents are accused

Moscow - Proceedings have been started against five people in Leningrad under the Russian Federation criminal code relating to "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda", it was confirmed yesterday (Mary Dejevsky).

A senior KGB official, Mr Aleksandr Fyodorov, denied

Western reports that the five members of the unofficial Democratic Union were under arrest or in prison. The five are Yekaterina Podoltseva, aged 39, Valery Terekhov, 40, Yuli Rybakov, 42, Aleksandr Skobov, 31, and Rostislav Yevdokimov, 38. Vladimir Yeremenko is under investigation for "hooliganism". The charges relate to allegations that they appealed for the overthrow of the system by force,

#### African students held

Peking (AP) - At least 130 African students were being held yesterday in a Nanjing hotel to separate them from angry Chinese students after two days of anti-black demonstrations. Four US students, all white women, were also being held, but the circumstances of their detention were not clear. Racial tension has been mounting at Hehai University in Nanjing as campus authorities tried to build a wall around a dormitory housing its 55 African students.

#### Leaders' Unita plea

Lasaka (Renter) — Southern African leaders yesterday urged US President-elect George Bush to end support for Dr Jonas Savimbi's Unita rebels in Angola. President Kaunda of Zambia, chairman of the six frontline states, opened a oneday meeting in Lusaka called to review the regional situation since the signing of accords last week on the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola and independence for Namibia.
"We hope that President-elect Bush will declare to our

satisfaction that his Administration will not continue to support bandits of Unita," President Kaunda said.

# Ferry sinks with 400

Dhaka — At least 400 people were missing after an overcrowded ferry boat rammed an oil tanker in thick fog and capsized about 30 miles south of Dhaka yesterday (Ahmed Fazi writes). Rescue workers said about 43 passengers swam to safety before the double-decker ferry sank in the River Sitalakhya.

# US call for Middle East missile talks

invite Israel and Egypt to limited steps that nations in technology to build them. Israel, Egypt, Sandi Arabia, participate separately in talks the region might take, such as Officials said that policy must Syria, Libya, Iraq and Iran participate separately in talks the region might take, such as in Washington to explore providing notice of missile now be supplemented with ways of limiting the use and test launches, to reduce fears attempts to control the spread development of ballistic mis- of surprise attacks. siles in the Middle East.

American officials have alarmed about the spread of prehensive arrangement to respread of ballistic missiles a ballistic missiles in the region. Some Middle East countries have acquired new ballistic missiles capable of carrying chemical or even nuclear warheads. The initial aim of the Western nations from obtain- in any other region have

move the risk of surprise priority. forces in the region.

focused on preventing non-tries in the Middle East than

of missiles

The long-term aim would be to persuade Middle Eastern has said that he intends to countries to accept a com- make the question of the A report issued in October

by the Congressional Research Until now, US policy has Service said that "more coun-

The United States intends to talks would be to discuss ing either missiles or the recently obtained missiles". had ballistic missiles of vari-OILS TABLECS.

> Some administration officials wanted the proposed talks to focus on the possibility of Middle Eastern countries giving a pledge against "first use" of missile-borne weapons. Pentagon officials successfully opposed the idea, arguing the talks should deal only with controlling the

#### China's industrial revolution

# Deng's model city is home to winners and losers

From Catherine Sampson

Tianjin In Daquizhuang, managers live in luxury villas while workers who have left poor areas to seek prosperity here live in cramped and dirty dormitories.

Ten years ago, Daqiuzhnang was a poverty-stricken village, tilling poor soil. Lauded as a model of the new zeal following the move away from the land and into township-run enterprises, it is now an example of all that is best and worst about the industrial revolution prompted by the reforms of Mr Deng Xiaoping.

The managers of the five companies operating in the village live in a walled compound guarded by armed militia. Their villas have garages, and some are guarded by alsatians. The manager of the First Commercial Company earns 200,000 yuan (about £34,000) a year, the company on this profit basis.

which is rent-free, is a study in excess of garish brass fittings.

Mr Li Fengzhuang, the deputy manager of the entire Daqiuzhuang project, boasts that the standard of living for the villagers is much higher than in the towns. "Four hundred homes have telephones, and we pian many more," he says.

of his company. He contracted to run The manager's 11-room home.

overstated wealth. It has padded walls, recessed lighting, hidden cen-tral heating, mirrored walls and an

Mrs Li Zhenge (no relative to Mr Li Fengzhnang) is typical of the Daqinzhnang natives. She lives in a spacious flat with her husband, three sons and ageing parents. One of her sons owns a handsome Honda motorbike, they have hot running water and a bathroom. Mrs Li, who

representing 1 per cent of the profits has heart trouble, is helped with her medical expenses by the township. No one pays rent, and villagers

have an average living space of 26 square metrescompared with nearer eight in the cities. The township has introduced a pension system and there is free education.

Mr Li said that, including welfare payments, the average annual income for a worker in Daqinzhuang was 4,000 yean, compared with a national average per capita income of 779 year last year. Many women in Daginzhuang have left the workforce to become housewives because they are wealthy enough no longer to need

two incomes. However, Daqinzhuang's enterprises rely heavily on workers from outside the village who have heard that the town's streets are paved with gold. Its native labour force numbers less than 1,500, while workers from elsewhere total around 5.000. These outsiders, however, do not enjoy the same conditions as the

Mr Jiao Binghna, aged 22, came from Inner Mongolia (a 17-hour journey by train) with his girlfriend and seven friends to work in Daqinzhuang. "I was working as a peasant there, and I didn't earn enough to eat properly," he says. Now he earns around 200 years a mouth working in a car body factory, nearly double what an ordinary factory worker earns.

Although he married his girlfried four months ago, he lives apart from her in a dirty unheated room shared with 17 others. She lives in a dormitory for female workers and earns 120 yuan a month. "I have no contact with the native villagers," said Mr Jiao. The outsiders were eager to share their complaints with

the first foreign reporters to visit their dormitories, much to the discomfort of Mr Li. "There are no welfare payments of any kind," said one man. "This is no different from capitalist exploitation."

Township officials would make no comment on allegations that workers were beaten by foremen and that workers coming from outside Daqiuzhuang were not paid for their first three months' work. Some claimed that when Mr Zhao Ziyang, General Secretary of the Communist Party, visited Daqiuzhuang, he did not visit their living quarters or speak to

One worker said that a friend had contracted to run a dance hall in the township. When it became clear that his enterprise was profitable, the dance hall was closed with the words "If anyone's making money, it should be us, not you outsiders".

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From Christopher Thomas, Washington

up a list of goods that will be food. subject to retaliation once a mones goes into effect on damaging to health. January I.

hams, French cheeses and Italian canned tomatoes. They will be subject to 100 per cent order that has been signed already by President Reagan.

The move, to be announced by Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US Trade Representative, has been designed to "make sure the Europeans know exactly where they stand if they go ahead", Mr Kelly Shipp, an aide to Mr Yeutter, said.

American officials said it appeared that nothing would stop the imposition of the a clash. Community ban.

Washington made a formal request last week for a delay in the action, but officials said the Europeans turned it down. No meetings or even telephone conversations were

planned before January 1. The retaliation affects about annual imports from the

European Community. The proposed list was scaled

AK47 semi-automatic rifle

burst into a house in Soweto,

the huge black township out-

side Johannesburg, spraying it with bullets, and killing four

men and wounding two other

At least 35 people were

murdered during a violent

police said. There were seven

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The United States has drawn American meat used as pet requiring the creation of an expensive bureaucracy.

The disagreement comes

The Reagan Administration

has made it clear that it will

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would reassess the situation

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Agreement on Tariffs and

Officials emphasized that the thrust of American policy

was to seek the removal of

global restrictions preventing

ANC, and that criminals also

The murders of three men

have access to the weapons.

also reported yesterday, bring-

ing the area total since Christ-

mas Eve to at least 16. Police

The US has offered to try to

into a trade war.

American consumer groups European ban on American support the European action, amid broader clashes over food trade policy arising out of meat treated with growth hor- arguing that the hormones are European Community plans

But they have not fought to to create a single market by Among items expected to be ban the use of hormones in listed this week are Danish meat consumed in the US because, they say, there are higher priorities.

"We are still very support- any European retaliation to its tariffs under an executive ive of what the Europeans are latest move. doing," the Public Voice for Senior officials said that Food and Health Policy, a Washington and Brussels doing," the Public Voice for pressure group specializing in food issues, said in a after the sanctions went into

> The ban on hormone-treated meat was to have taken effect a year ago, but implementation was delayed in the hope of reaching an understanding with the Uni-ted States that would prevent

In the event, there were only sporadic negotiations in which neither side showed any inclination to compromise.

In the meantime, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and Argentina decided to export hormone-free beef.

American officials, who \$100 million (£58 million) of acknowledge that more than half of American cattle are treated with hormones, said the Community would require down after the EEC exempted certification by the Agri- free agricultural trade, which from the proposed import ban culture Department that meat is seen as a way to reduce the about \$20 million of imported was free of hormones, in turn huge US trade deficit.

Black clashes leave 35 dead

Gunmen armed with an varive estimate to 1.25 million stated that not all AK47

murders. One was a man, aged

63, robbed of £375 by gunmen

who burst into his room in a

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dependent black homelands -

and shot him dead as they left.

outlawed African National

Congress, but the police re-

A black police constable was

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Christmas in Soweto, in town. one of the four men shot dead

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the West Witwatersrand, the supplied to insurgents of the

soweto, covering 40 square fused to say yesterday if they believed it had been an ANC

miles and home at a conser- attack. Previously, they have Christmas Eve.

people, accounted for 26 of the shootings are the work of the

bachelor hostel for workers in the Natal townships were

Mother Theresa comforts Armenia



Mother Theresa, left, with some of her Sisters of Charity, consoling a girl survivor in a Yerevan hospital yesterday.

# Kremlin streamlines relief effort

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

The Soviet authorities are tightening up the organization of the disaster relief effort in north-eastern Armenia to try to accelerate the distribution of supplies.

The Polithuro commission overseeing the operation said an interdepartmental group had been set up to co-ordinate transport services and that organizations and officials would be fined if they did not unload freight fast enough. The North Caucasus rail department has been split into three sections, each of which will be monitored constantly, and a system of priorities established according to which fuel, prefabricated housing, and building brigades will take precedence.

The changes follow more than two weeks' criticism about delays and disorganization in the provision and distribution of supplies to the areas affected by the December 7 earthquake, in which an estimated 55,000 people died.

Meanwhile, evidence continues to said that most of the deaths resulted from clashes between emerge of how the aftermath of the opposing black groups. earthquake has exacerbated existing ships in the Vaal triangle in the AK47 attack. The • Landmine deaths: Two tension between Armenia and the neighbouring republic of Azerbaijan. A Soviet civilians, a man and a woman, newspaper said yesterday that medical were killed and another seristaff at a military hospital in Yerevan, the Armenian capital, had been threat-ened with reprisals if they coatinued to treat Azerbaijani patients. The army paper, Red Star, said that inflammatory ously injured when their vehicle struck a landmine near Oshikati in northern Namibia close to the Angolan border on

leaflets had begun circulating in the hospital after reports that an Azerbaijani mechanic was being treated there. He was the single survivor of an air crash which killed nearly 70 Soviet servicemen being flown to the city of Leninakan to help with the earthquake relief work.

The original reports had avoided identifying the mechanic, Balayev, as an Azerbaijani, noting instead that he came from Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. Yesterday's article cited the incident as

evidence that some Armenians were trying to conceal the fact that Azerbaijan, like all the other Soviet republics, had offered to help in the relief effort.

Immediately after the earthquake, the Soviet media carried many reports of Azerbaijani expressions of sympathy and offers of help. Later comment suggested that these had been widely dismissed by Armenians as propaganda and had only inflamed passions further.

Remours that there had been dancing in the streets of Bakn and that some Armenians had received greetings tele-grams from Azerbaijanis after the earthquake were more readily believed, and the Health Minister confirmed that antipathy between the two republics had led to Azerbaijani offers of medical help being turned down.

Yesterday's article in Red Star said

that Azerbaijanis had so far contributed five million roubles (£5 million) to the national disaster fund.

But it admitted that the fate of some relief consignments from Azerbaijan was unknown, suggesting that they might have been diverted or even destroyed en route. Earlier reports have described Azerbaijani convoys being turned back at the republic border or transported under continual harassment from local people.

The same article also revealed that the mofficial Armenian Karabakh Com-mittee, which has led the campaign for the transfer to Armenia of the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, is contining to operate despite the detention of five of its leaders in Yerevan the weekend after the earthquake. Attempts were being made to set up subgroups of the committee in colleges and factories to agitate for the release of its leaders.

Central Soviet publications are being careful to match reports of continuing nationalist activity in Armenia and measures against it with similar reports on Azerbaijan. From details in the reports, it is clear that nationalist sentiment over Nagorno-Karabakh has permeated the upper echelons of official organizations in both republics, and a settlement of the dispute will be more difficult now than before the earthquake.

# Strikes herald Belgrade reforms

From Dessa Trevisan Belgrade

Fresh strike threats and public calls for the sacking of the federal Government have increased the pressure on Yugoslavia's leaders as they prepare to launch a New Year package of market-orientated economic reforms.

In the past few days trade union leaders throughout the country have threatened to strike for higher pay as doubts grow that the reforms will halt soaring prices.

At the same time, one leading Yugoslav newspaper called on the federal Parliament to sack the Yugoslav leader, Mr Branko Mikulic, over the Government's "failure" to present a convincing and consistent programme for economic recovery, while another, Borba, the authoritative daily, stated bluntly that the Government which bad brought the country to the "brink of catastrophe" should

Railworkers in Serbia warned they would strike unless their salaries were increased by 60 per cent.

From Macedonia, the most southern and Yugoslavia's poorest republic, the unions warned that the situation could easily explode after the recent spell of new price increases reaching a climax in last week's announcement that the Yugoslav electricity board intends to increase prices by more than 70 per cent - the third increase in six months.

Union leaders in Croatia were examining demands issued earlier for a general strike in the republic.

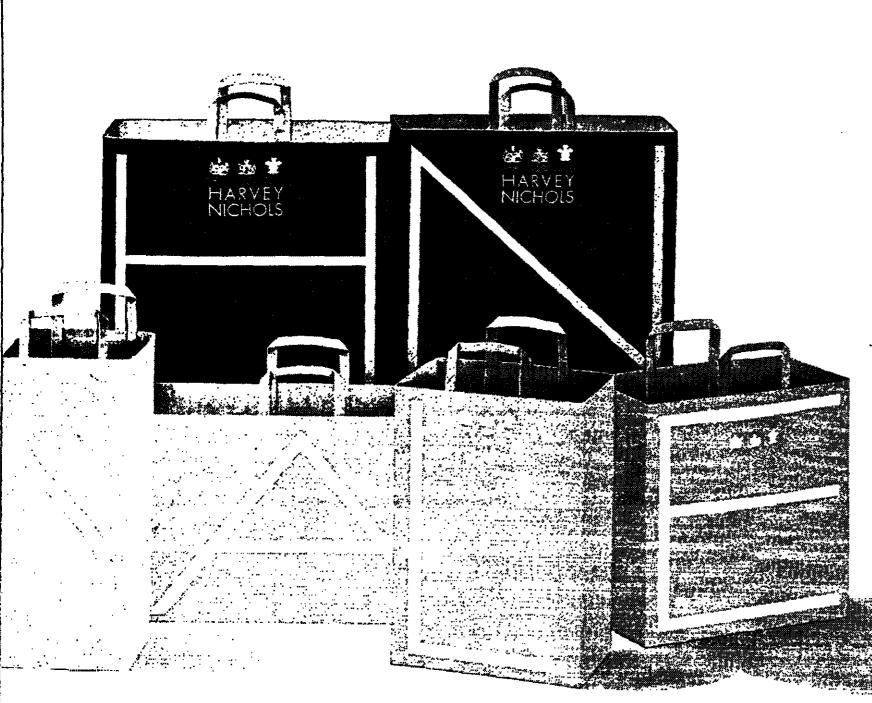
When the Government came into office almost three years ago Yugoslav inflation was 80 per cent. It has now soared to 230 and economists forecast it will top 400 per cent by the end of next year.

The Communist Party, which has enjoyed a political monopoly for four decades, is also under threat from alternative idealogies.

In Slovenia, where the political climate is most liberal and the challenge to the party most open, an alternative political party is about to be

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# Rebel blockade cripples Kabul

The key to the survival of the communist regime following the completion of the Soviet troop withdrawal in February is likely to be its ability to withstand an increasingly effective economic blockade imposed by the resistance.

All over the city on a bitterly cold winter's day yesterday, the most obvious signs of the stranglehold that the Mujahidin now enjoy over Kabul were long queues of up to 200 cars at petrol stations for fuel and for paraffin for cooking.

Residents report shortages of basic foodstuffs such as bread and there have been marked increases in the prices of sugar, tea and vegetables, none of which are pegged by government legislation. A government official admitted: Most of the internal traders cannot bring these materials here because the opposition will attack them and burn

their trucks."

The main reason for the shortages is the blockade of two arterial highways on which the city's survival has always depended. To the east, guerrilias under Commander Anwar of the fundamentalist Jamyat-i Islami faction have stepped up attacks on the Jalalabad road into Pakistan since the late summer. On several occasions they have succeeded in blocking the road for periods of up to 10 days.

To the north, the vital Salang highway into the Soviet Union, along which almost all of Kabul's fuel is transported, has also been subject to regular attack and blockade by guerrillas under Commander Ahmad Shah Massoud, also of Jamyat.

An indication of the seriousness with which the regime is taking the threat came on Monday night when government radio broadcast a message to Commander Massoud warning him that unless his attacks on the Salang ceased immediately, renewed mili-



An Afghan girl, wearing a sign reading "Liberty or Death" and holding a poster depicting a soldier being shot, singing an anti-Soviet song in Islamahad yesterday. She was part of a protest marking the ninth anniversary of the Soviet intervention. tary operations would be launched against him.

Bad as the situation already is, most Western observers here believe it can only get worse once the Soviet troops have left. On the Salang in particular, security - cur-rently the job of Soviet troops is expected to deteriorate dramatically once the unreliable Afghan Army takes over

"The major challenge in the period of the Soviet withdrawal and after, will be the question of fuel supply," said a Western diplomat. "The Soviets have signed a protocol and kerosene (paraffin) will be specialists based here are now that six rockets had exploded supplied, but the question is estimated at around 100, whether or not the Afghans will be able to provide sufficient security to get it here."

He believes that the Mujahidin will be able to starve the city into submission in the

"The regime will have to abdicate power, because they won't be able to keep the city alive." he said. While the Soviet Union has

yet to announce the date for the beginning of the final cally motivated warnings that one person and injuring five it may yet be delayed. Civilian (Reuter reports). Tass said

also rapidly decreasing and the Soviet intervention in staffing levels at the Soviet Afghanistan. Embassy are expected to be reduced significantly next

The most likely starting date for renewed movement by the remaining \$0,000 troops out of the country, according to Western analysts is mid-January.

withdrawal, there are signs of • MOSCOW: Rebel rockets preparations despite politi- hit Kabul yesterday, killing

in residential districts of the down from a suggested 2,500 city but gave no other details earlier in the year. The num- of the attack, which occurred bers of military advisers are on the ninth anniversary of

> The last guerrilla shelling of Kabul reported by the official Soviet news agency was on the airport on November 13, when 10 Soviet soldiers were killed as they prepared to fly

> A car bomb planted by rebels exploded on December 10 in the centre of Kabul, injuring dozens of people, and rocket attacks have continued in other parts of the country.

Cabinet reshuffle in Tokyo

# Takeshita picks team untainted by scandal

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

Washington and London on

the fine-tuning of inter-

The Prime Minister, while

tightening his grip on the

Cabinet, has stopped short of

disrupting the balance be-

tween the different political

factions of the ruling Liberal

was largely dictated by Mr

Nakasone. That mix might

change after another reshuffle

next summer, when Mr Takeshita, famed for his sly

backroom manoeuvring, will

be preparing for his party's

autumn leadership elections.

Japan's diplomatic profile, re-

phrases when briefing journal-

struggling to restore con-fidence in Japan's Self-De-

fence Forces after a controver-

sial collision between a

submarine and a fishing boat

killed 30 people last July, will

Senior party executives will

also stay in their posts, includ-

ing Mr Shintaro Abe, the

secretary-general of the Lib-

eral Democratic Party, and Mr Michio Watanabe, the chair-

man of its influential Policy

under a cloud because of his

links to the Recruit affair, Mr

Abe and Mr Watanabe are

leading rivals for Mr Tak-

eshita's job. Mr Takeshita

knows that if they have each

other to snipe at, they will

Mr Noboru Takeshita

Mr Kichiro Tazawa

.Mr Junichiro Koizumi

With Mr Miyazawa now

Affairs Research Council.

stay as Defence Minister.

Cabinet Secretary.

Mr Noburu Takeshita, the Japanese Prime Minister buoyed by his weekend victory in passing some key tax national financial markets. reforms that had become a test of his political fortunes — yesterday brought 15 new faces into his 20-strong Cabinet. It was his first reshuffle since taking over from Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone 14 months ago.

His success in pushing through the first big tax over-haul for four decades in the face of political uncertainty created by Emperor Hirohito's fading health, an explosive share scandal that has singed many of his ministers, and a public rebellion against the first sales tax, has strengthened his hand.

But Mr Takeshita has gone out of his way to rebuild his Administration's sinking popularity in the polls by forming Cabinet less tainted by the Recruit Cosmos share scandal, which forced him to sacrifice his Finance Minister, Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, this

Many MPs and civil servants made fat profits after being offered cheap shares in Recruit Cosmos, an ambitious property company. But the scale of the influence-peddling has shocked even the Japanese, who have few delusions about how their parlia-

mentarians make ends meet. Mr Tatsuo Murayama, named last Saturday as Mr Mivazawa's replacement will probably be the most noticeable change to Japan's inter-national face. He is a tax expert and has handled the finance portfolio before, in the late 1970s.

But Mr Murayama lacks his predecessor's intellect, reputation and fluent command of English, which could affect the have less time and energy to

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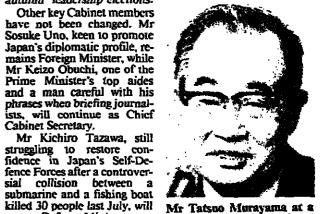
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ease with which Tokyo talks to Mitsuzuka, a close friend of the Prime Minister, has been rewarded for his behind-thescenes persuasion of opposition MPs during the difficult passage of the tax Bills with the trade and industry

portiolio. Another new face which will become familiar to US and European officials is that of Mr Tsutomu Hata, named Agriculture Minister in the reshuffle at a time when farm trade and food subsidies have become sore subjects in international trade talks. Mr Hata,



Tokyo briefing yesterday.

also a close friend of Mr Takeshita, is well-known in Washington as a tough negotiator on agricultural issues.

He is famous for leaving Americans guessing about his arrogance or sense of humour when he told US politicians that Japan could not eat more imported beef because Japanese intestines were longer than American ones.

• Fishing deal: Two Japanese fishing firms have signed deals with Burma, despite Tokyo's ban on economic aid and its refusal to recognize the military junta, company officials and the Foreign Ministry said (AFP reports).

Mr Takashi Hasegawa ......Mr Sosuke Uno ....Mr Tatsuo Murayama Taiyo Fishery, the second-largest Japanese fishing company, has agreed with the ....Mr Tsutomu Hata military Government in Ran-Mr Takeo Nishioka goon to begin a trial shrimp Mr Hiroshi Mitsuzuka fishing operation off Burma, ..... Mr Shinjî Sato Mr Seiichi Kataoka ... Mr Hyosuke Niwa the firm said. It was the first big Japanese business deal with Burma since General Mr Hikosaburo Okonogi Saw Maung seized power in a .Mr Shigenobu Sakano .......Mr Keizo Obuchi coup on September 18, ending two months of protests.

#### Exiled King rejects peace talks view of his previous announcements that leaders based in the Pakistani city of

Bv Hazhir Teimourian

The exiled King of Afghanistan has been urged by the Russians to open talks with the Kabul regime. But, according to his staff, he has rejected the idea out of hand.

When Mr Ynli Vorontsov, the Soviet When Mr Ynti Vorontsov, the Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister and Ambassador to Afghanistan, met the former King in Rome last week he urged him to hold talks with the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, with a view to establishing a broadly based coalition government. But the King refused saving that any Afghan personrefused, saying that any Afghan person-ality who participated in such talks would destroy his standing in the eyes of

King Zahir Shah told visitors who have crowded to his retirement home since Mr Votontsov's meeting that although he was reluctant to become involved in politics again at the age of 74, he felt he had no choice, particularly in

Gonzalez

subject of

court writ

Madrid - The judge hearing the case of two police officials

suspected of organizing the assassinations of Basque ter-

he would do all in his power to restore Peshawar. peace to Afghanistan if the nation wanted

The Vorontsov approach — the first publicized contact with the Soviet Union since the Russian invasion in 1979 - is, however, regarded by both sides as merely the opening gambit in the talks which are to continue.

The King is being pushed by moderate guerrilla leaders to investigate the possibility of a coalition government with elements close to the Kabul regime, including the Afghan Army, some of whose elite units are determined to fight on to prevent the fundamentalist wing of the guerrillas from establishing control over the capital.

The guerrilla leaders who are keen to ensure the return of the King are Pir Ahmad Gailani, Professor Sibghatullah Mujadidi and Maulavi Mohammad Nabi Mohammadi, three of the seven major

In Islamabad on Monday, Pir Gailani, ust recu the King, strongly dissociated himself from an earlier statement by the fundamentalist leaders who had denounced the King's negotiations with Mr Vorontsov as a Soviet attempt to widen divisions within the Mujahidin.

"The truth is," said a spokesman for Pir Gailant's National Islamic Front, "that we the Mujahidin are already deeply divided among ourselves. We need to be united around a figure who is acceptable to the bulk of the Afghan people and his majesty is the only such figure we have."

Much is thought to depend on the US and the Pakistan Army. If they channel their support to the fundamentalists, the prospects of an orderly transfer of power in Kabul to the moderates will probably be irreparably damaged.

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# Suspect surrenders over his role in death of Mendes

Murder of Brazil ecologist

From Mac Margolis, Rio de Janeiro

rorists rejected a petition to call the Prime Minister, Senor Felipe Gonzalez, as a witness. of Rio Branco in north-west Brazil are holding a young man who has confessed to his instead, he issued a writ reminding the Prime Minister role in the murder of Senhor of his obligation to divulge Francisco Mendes Filho, the knowledge of criminal acts. celebrated Amazonian en-Thief pays up vironmentalist and labour

repeated death threats.

Naples (Reuter) - A thief who stole food and cigarettes from Senhor Mendes, aged 44, was shot by professional gun-US forces in Italy during the Second World War has made an anonymous repayment of 10,000 lire (£4.50p). Thursday night.

India curfews Hyderabad (Reuter) - Curtews were imposed in 20 southern Indian towns after

25 deaths in riots. Crew rescued Canberra (Reuter) - All 39 crew were rescued from the Cypriot tanker Boni 500 miles

south-east of Sri Lanka after

Duarte tests

fire broke out.

San Salvador (AFP) - President Duarte, under treatment for terminal liver cancer, left for the US for further tests.

# Skull offence

Peking (Reuter) - China has disciplined two officials for tailing to protect from pollution the site where the skull of the "Peking man" was found.

Snow chaos

Ankara (Reuter) - Snow isolated around 1,000 villages in eastern and central Turkey.

of Xapuri, reportedly for fear activists. that he would be lynched by "The b angry residents of the town. Xapuri has been in "a state of shock" after Senhor Mendes's murder, according to Senhor Silvio Martinello, editor of the Acre newspaper A

Ecologists and labour leadmen outside his home last ers, who have been gathering in Acre since the weekend, angrily demanded swift action by federal police, who dis-Authorities reported that on Monday afternoon Senhor Darci Alves Pereira, aged 21, patched agents to conduct an gave himself up to state police in Xapuri, the small town in Acre state where Senhor Mendes lived. investigation in the region. The well-known television ac-

Santiago (AFP) - Senhor Luis Gelpi, aged 46, a Brazilian civil engineer who developed However, indications are that Senhor Pereira is not the appendicitis on King George Island in Antarctica, was chief suspect. Police yesterday continued searching for his father, Senhor Darly Alves, recovering after surgery per-formed by two Russians, a and uncle, Senhor Alvarinho Alves, two rich local ranchers Chilean and a Uruguayan. and sworn enemies of Senhor

tress, Senhora Lucelia Santos, handed Senhor Romeu Tuma, In the weeks before his the federal police chief, a violent death - by a shotgun blast at point-blank range petition blaming the murder Senhor Mendes, president of on negligence of state and the Xapuri Rural Workers' local police, and demanding opposition of land barons. Union, was the target of the dismissal of Senhor Mauro Sposito, the federal police Recently "Chico" Mendes, regional superintendent. as he was widely known.

On December 9, in one of town surrounded by high forhis last public statements, ests that sustained hundreds Senhor Mendes said Super- of rubber tappers and Brazil publicly accused the Alves brothers of having placed him at the top of a death list. The intendent Sposito had ignored nut gatherers. federal police were assigned to his alert that the Alves brothconstantly.

Police immediately flew send or Pereira to a jail in Rio

crimes in the southern state of ers began to move into the fugitive area, clearing vast stretches of ranchers had issued several forest for oasture.

Police in the regional capital Branco, some 170 miles north death threats to local labour

"The brothers have ordered the assassination of more than 30 workers," he told the Jornal do Brasil.

Senhor Mendes won inter-national acclaim for his work to preserve the Amazon rain forest, which are particularly threatened by expanding cattle ranches.

He had sought to block forestation by pressuring Brazil's international creditors, such as the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank, who have funded road-building into Acre.

He also fought forest clearance through petitions in the Brazilian courts and by acts of civil disobedience. He repeatedly claimed that "less than 50 hectares (125 acres) of Acre forests" were cut down last year.

He won international recognition for his efforts, culminating in an ecology prize by the United Nations in 1987, but also the fierce Until the 1970s, Xapuri, where Senhor Mendes lived

and worked, was a bucolic

The region's isolation guard the union leader ers were wanted for a string of ended, however, when ranch-

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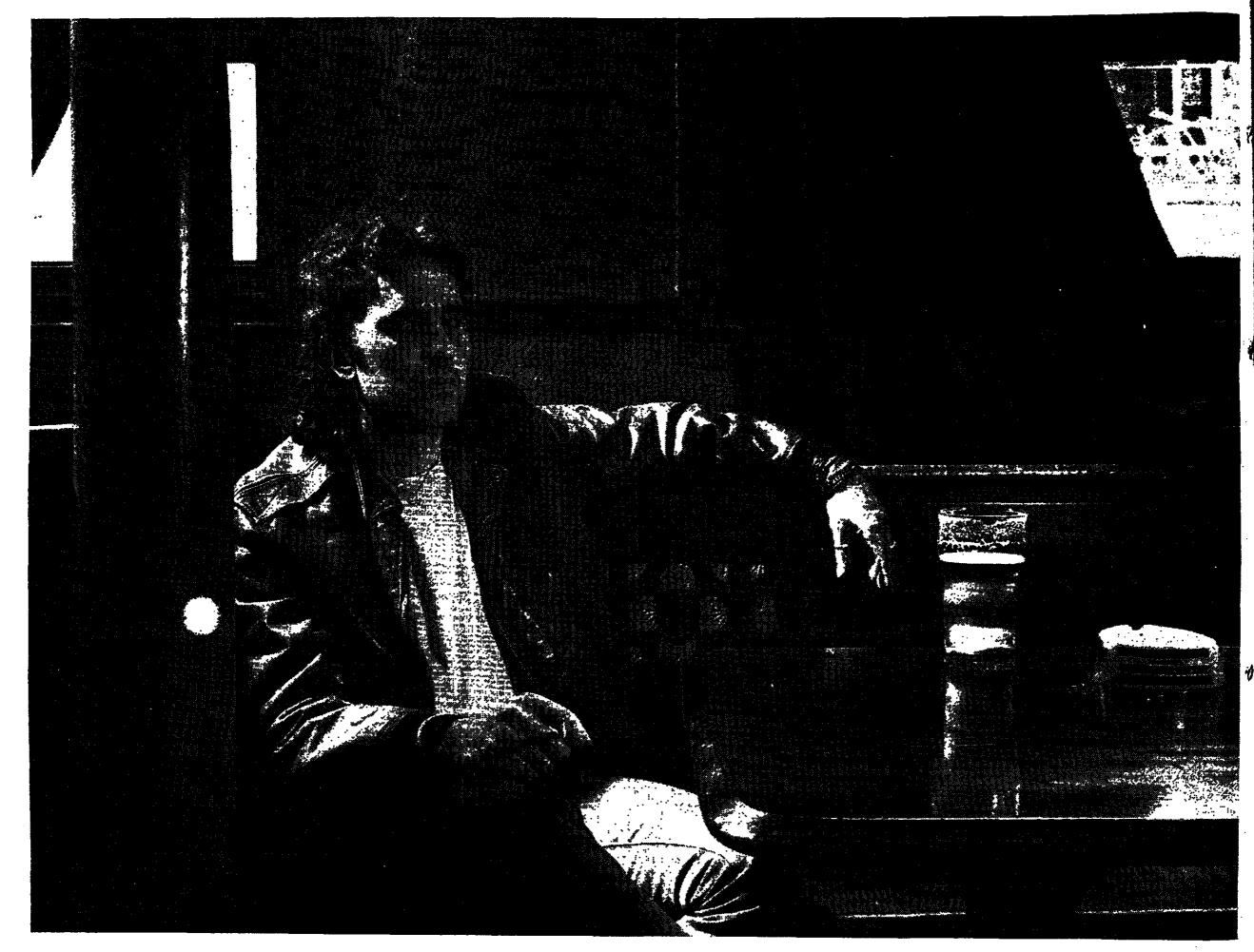
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# How the giant was given its wings

It is a bit like being asked where was still considered a viable you were when you heard that President Kennedy had been shot. Most people can remember their first sight of a jumbo jet, simply because its sheer bulk made it seem so improbable. How could such a leviathan haul itself into the air - and, having got there, stay up?

Almost 20 years after it first went into service, though, the 350ton Boeing 747 has become the most familiar of airborne shapes, whether carrying the space shuttle on its back into the upper at-mosphere or ferrying holidaymakers on packages to Disney-land. In two decades of production, more than 700 examples have been delivered to airlines around the world; all but 20 are in regular service. Between them, they have carried more than 800

The story of the aircraft which was to transform the way the world flies began in December 1965, at a meeting between two of the most powerful men in aviation. William Allen, president of Boeing, and Juan Trippe, president of Pan American World Airways, both knew that the old way of carrying passengers around the world — in comparatively small aircraft with hardly more than 100 seats - had to change to meet the boom in air travel which was bringing a 15 per cent increase in passengers every year.

If Pan Am, by far the world's most influential airline, ordered enough of the giant new jet which

It was possible for every system to be provided with not just one, but two back-ups

had been sketched by Boeing engineers, the project could be viable. Their meeting was brief and to the point. "If you'll build it, I'll buy it,"

Trippe said.
"If you buy it, I'll build it,"

Allen replied.

The idea for a really big aircraft to carry several hundred passengers over very long distances had been initiated in 1964, when the US Air Force invited Boeing, Lockheed and McDonnell Douglas to compete for the chance to build the world's biggest military freighter, the CSA.

Lockheed won that contract, but during the detailed design work carried out by Boeing it became quickly apparent that such a huge aircraft, with lower seatmile costs, could help to solve the tremendous capacity problems being felt by many airlines in trying to keep pace with demand which was doubling every five years. So when Boeing was told it had lost the military contract, the company immediately called in one of its best and most senior engineers, Joseph Sutter, to create

a commercial jet.

The initial designs produced by Sutter's 100-strong team look crude by today's standards, but within months the basic shape was beginning to emerge. Because no one could be certain that the airlines would order the aircraft in enough numbers, the company had to hedge its bets and make the 747 capable of carrying 8 ft-high cargo containers on the main

For four months after the historic meeting between Trippe and Allen. Pan Am laid down its design criteria and worked alongside Boeing to refine the designs. It was finally agreed that the aircraft would have two aisles, with the main cabin separated by dividers into five separate "rooms". Up to 54 rows of scats would be fitted down the length of the cabin, enabling the jet to carry 382 passengers in two classes of service, or as many as 418 in an all-

economy configuration.
Early on, Juan Trippe had noticed that behind the cockpit bulge there was a sizeable vacant space. Boeing suggested that it could be used as a crew rest area. No way," Trippe replied. The 747's upper-deck lounge area was

Because the freighter version

option, a way of hinging the nose so that cargo containers could be loaded straight in had to be found. The only way, the designers concluded, was to place the cockpit area behind and above the hinge of that forward door,

The cost of each of these aircraft, in its initial guise, was a staggering \$20 million. But when Pan Am's order for 25 was formalized in April 1966, other airlines quickly realized they would have to follow suit if they were to remain in competition. In 1966 alone, 85 747s were ordered from such leading carriers as Lufthansa, Japan Airlines, Air France, Continental, American, Northwest, United and, of course,

The sheer scale of the task of building the world's largest jet in such huge numbers meant a complete reorganization of Boeing's Seattle plant. There are more than 4,500,000 parts in a Boeing 747, each one of which must be rigorously checked for strength and structural integrity. The elec-trical wiring alone is 135 miles long. The world had to be involved in providing those individual components, which meant signing contracts with 1,500 prime suppliers and 15,000 secondary suppliers in 49 American states and six countries world-wide.

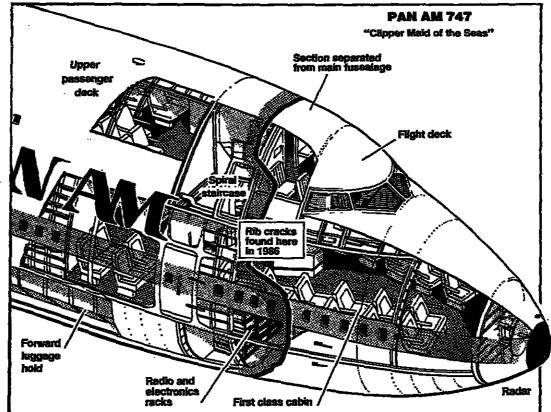
To put all these together in the existing Boeing plant was impossible, so a new factory was built from scratch on a 78-acre site alongside an airport 30 miles north of Seattle. To get the parts to the site, a special rail spur was built. The assembly work was carried out in a factory of 200 million cubic feet - the largest building in the world by volume.

Boeing's plan was to have nearly a hundred 747s in service by the end of 1970 - a programme which many thought too ambitious. But on September 30, 1968, one day ahead of schedule, the first 747, carrying the Boeing number RA001, rolled out of the plant.

It flew for the first time on February 9, 1969, lifting easily off the runway at 164 miles an hour, just as the computers and mathematical calculations had predicted. Despite its vast size - 231ft 10in long, with a wing span of 195ft 8in and a take-off weight of up to 735,000lb - it handled as easily as a sports car, allowing the pilots to

As the world's airlines and aircraft manufacturers — and their passengers — await the results of the tests on the suitcase and other items taken from the crashed Pan Am jet at Lockerbie, there is a realization that advanced technology permits operators to prolong the active life of the average passenger plane. But behind the success

story of the Boeing 747, Harvey Elliott writes, now lurks the threat of a previously unsuspected structural defect, the long-term consequences of which could be disastrous



control it with only two fingers. The first five aircraft built became test vehicles to satisfy the Federal Aviation Administration's stringent safety checks and procedures. During the next 11 months, those aircraft flew more than 1,400 miles in safety checks, at a cost of \$28 million. Two of the airframes were tested on the

ground to destruction. One was subjected to repeated simulated flights to compress years of operation into a few months. The other was subjected to stresses far in excess of those it would have experienced in regular airline operations. The very size of the aircraft meant that there was spare

of sophistication. Every system could be provided with not just one but two back-ups. The aircraft was awarded its certificate of airworthiness on December 30, 1969; three weeks later, Pan Am put its first 747-100 in service on a flight from New York to London.

The aircraft that crashed at Lockerbie, christened "Clipper

Maid of the Skies" by Pan Am, was the fifteenth to roll off the production line, which was now getting into full gear. Even before the end of that first year the first variant, the 747-200B, had been introduced. In the years following, a total of 13 different models were sold, including all-freight ver-sions, a "convertible" which could quickly be changed to carry all freight or all passengers, and a "combi" which could carry a combination of both freight and passengers. A special short-range version capable of carrying 550 passengers has been built for Japan Airlines. In March 1983, the 747-300 was delivered with a stretched upper deck which was 23ft longer than previous 747s. allowing airlines to add as many as 44 economy seats to the upper deck. Fourteen 747s have been bought by governments, mostly for use as highly sophiticated military command posts, while kings and princes have bought custom-built 747s to use as personal jets, while two are being built for the use of the President of

the United States. The giant has a reputation for being able to ride even the most turbulent air, and there are many examples of its tremendous strength enabling pilots to pull out of the kind of weather or structural problems which would have smashed smaller, lighter aircraft. The Seventies movie Airport acted as a sort of testimonial to its qualities, built around the fictional story of an air stewardness managing the safe landing of a 747 which had been badly damaged in a collision with a light plane.

Although it is about to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of its maiden flight, the 747 will appear in yet another version early next year. Bigger still, with a much longer range and designed to be flown by a crew of two rather than three, the 747-400 will rely on a basic structure almost identical to that of the first prototype.

The first hint of a problem in the structure of the aircraft came in 1978, when a service bulletin was issued asking operators to inspect floor beams for cracks. The survey revealed four airlines with floor beam cracks, the longest

six inches in length. In December 1984, another service bulletin was issued to

nose section after cracks had been found on three 747s with over 12,400 flights. In June 1985 further cracks were found on rivet holes on an inboard engine pylon on an aircraft which had logged 34,144 hours and made 8,200

Then, in February 1986, the Civil Aviation Authority, following up American action, ordered all internal structures around the nose cone of older Boeing 747s to be inspected. It discovered that more than 100 of the 140 aircraft

in this category also had cracks.
The CAA said at the time that there was "no justification for withdrawing the aircraft from service". But the authorities on both sides of the Atlantic were concerned about the growing number of cracks reported in aircraft which had had more than 10,000 flights, and ruled that visual inspections or X-ray techniques had to be instituted immediately.

The areas of concern were known as Section 41 - between the main floor and the windows forwards of the front door, above the luggage bins over the first seat row and in the region of the escape hatch in the roof of the upper deck behind the flight deck. Repairs took up to four days for each aircraft and it was claimed that the problem had been, if not overcome, at least contained.

Cracks are not unusual in aircraft, particularly those which have been in use for many years. As the cabin is pressurized and

#### The fear is that it might have developed some defect no one had bargained for

depressurized the structure is stressed repeatedly, exacerbated by the constant hammering made by landings and turbulence. But Boeing claims that enough is now known about the way metal reacts over a long period of stress to be able to judge when it is likely to

Every spar and rib, for example, is given added protection with a strip of metal inserted between it and the outer skin, known as a "stopper". A crack cannot extend beyond that piece of metal; even if it did, the fuselage is built so strongly that the aircraft can withstand a hole 20st by 10st in its side and still fly.

But airlines round the world are now using the workhorse 747 for nger and longer. The Pan Am jumbo which crashed, for example, was built in 1969 and was thought to be as serviceable now

as it was when it was rolled out. To cope with the increase in aircraft longevity, airlines have developed regular maintenance schedules in which every susceptible part is subjected to minute inspection, both visually and using the latest ultra-sound techniques, at least once a year and, in areas where stress is known to build up, far more often.

Aircraft engineers are far more aware of the problems of metal fatigue than they were in the days when the De Havilland Comet began falling out of the sky. They remain confident that their routines are now so well ordered that any problems will be picked up and corrected immediately. In fact, almost every part of a 747 flying today which has been in service for 10 years or more is almost certain to have been changed at some time.

The fear now is that if the Pan Am jumbo was not after all the victim of a bomb, it may just have developed some kind of defect which no one bargained for. If that is found to be the case, the implications are very profound. Airlines which have been enjoying phenomenal growth in demand are terrified that the vast investment they have made in new aircraft could also be put at risk by scares over the safety of air travel. They, and the men in Seattle who first put the 747 into the skies, are awaiting the report from the Royal Armaments Research and Development Establishment at Fort Halstead, in Kent, very anxiously

#### cover inspection of the aircraft room to carry safety to new levels AT THE HEART OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST PLANEMAKER, THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY TOO MUCH SUCCESS

oo much success lies at the heart of the recent troubles of Boeing, the 72-year-old company which has built more than half the world's current fleet of commercial jets. Airline cus-tomers, including British Airways, have recently accused the company of shoddy workmanship.

In the past year, airlines have ordered 634 Roeings worth \$30 billion from four families of plane—the twin-engined 737 workhorse, the 747 jumbo, and the 757 and 767 high-technology medium to

long-range aircraft.

But it has been a poor year for Boeing's public reputation. Well before the Lockerbie disaster, questions were being asked about the safety of the increasingly elderly fleet of Boeing jets op-erated by airlines in the United States. In April the Federal Aviation Administration ordered extensive inspections on older 737s after the spectacular incident in which a huge section of fuselage exploded off an old model owned

by Aloha Airlines of Hawaii. Last week the FAA said it was about to order extensive checks on older airliners and on Boxing Day the issue hit the headlines again when a hole a foot square opened up in the body of a 727 of Eastern Airlines as it cruised at 31,000ft over Virginia. The pilot landed safely, though several passengers were injured.

Many aviation experts say Boeing is no more to blame than any other manufacturer for problems suffered by ageing jets. Its name is prominent because it made 4,700 airliners now in service. The company insists that it has dealt with problems that caused its worst maintenance failure. That was the collapse of a bulkhead which caused a Japan Airlines 747 to crash in 1985, killing 520 people on board. Boeing says its planes

will have an "indefinite" life if properly maintained. The Hawai-ian airline ignored recommenda-tions from Boeing for repairs to the plane which ruptured in flight. But more directly damaging for

the company name was embarrass-ing criticism early this year from three of Boeing's best customers — British Airways, Japan Airlines and American Airlines.

Last spring, Susumu Yamaji, the president of JAL, sent a letter of complaint to Boeing after a series of problems with its 747s

and 767s that included a fuel leak on a 747-200 jumbo and temperature gauges wired to the wrong

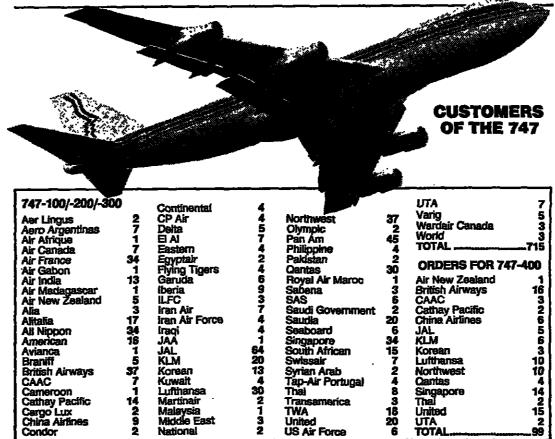
chagrin, came from D.K. Craig, chief engineer for technical and quality services. He said training was a major concern among the airline's inspectors monitoring the construction of airliners at the Boeing factory. They had found defects "that underscore our fears that the underlying reasons for the

workforce are, in general, inad-equately trained, possess a low level of basic working skills engines on other 747 models.

British Airways' complaint, made public much to Boeing's equately trained, possess a low level of basic working skills and ... seem oblivious that they are building aircraft where any

mistake ... represents a direct compromise with safety." Craig said that one problem uncovered on a 747 "left no doubt that the integrity of the aircraft structure had been compromised".

Boeing said it was taking steps to repair the failings. "We are



# Boeing company's poor quality record are that the production

intend to stay there," said Phil Condit. executive vice-president of the commercial aircraft division. He did, however, concede that the company had imposed mandatory overtime for many of its workers. There has been no public criticism in recent months of the

function performed occasionally by Boeing of maintaining older aircraft. A company spokesman said it was rare for an airline to send a plane back to its workshops in Washington State or Kansas for major overhands, as Pan Am did last year for the "Clipper Maid of the Seas", which underwent both heavy reconstruction and conversion to cargo capacity for the Civil Air Reserve. More often, the spokesman said, Boeing sends teams into the field to advise airlines on maintenance and overhaul.

But the spokesman did admit Boeing's responsibility for the faulty repair which caused the 1985 JAL disaster. "It was a one-off job," he said. "There is no reason to suppose anything like that is ever likely to happen again."

While foreign airlines such as Lufthansa, Swissair, Air France and British Airways all have fleets of fairly modern planes, the American airlines have been keeping elderly aircraft in service. The average American airliner is now more than 12 years old, compared with four years for Singapore Airlines and eight years for British Airways, Since the Boeing 707 was introduced in the 1950s, most of the very eldest jets have been retired. According to one estimate only about 50 Western commercial jets still flying are more than 25 years old, but within five years the number could be more than 1,000.

**Charles Bremner** 

# Spreading some oil on the pitch Stephenson, taking the brave decision

club of fuddy-duddies. We public relations company.

warm and soggy embrace of a science fiction movie Alien, rific. And the public relations company is the answer to the prayers of all in trouble. Those who should be stuffy enough to know better fall over backwards at the simpering slimy tones of the MCC will be urged to public relations "experts", exchange its hopelessly fuddywith their insinuating mixture of instant first names and synthetic chumminess, of putting over a warmer, friend-crude, often misinformed flat-lier image to the viewing synthetic chumminess, of tery and unctuous over-state- public. In future, no batsman ment. of pusamess and will be declared out. Instead, range source leader. "He has a great unashamed illiteracy. Though the PR man has, over the smiling, will say: "Graham, that an exasperated Lt-Col The British have longer than the property of the proper

years, attempted to up his dear, that imings status from the level of hired really knocked me want to let the world know we charlatan to "professional are moving with the times." consultant" by means of are moving with the times."

Thus Lt-Col John Stephenson, the secretary of the MCC, announced the club's decision "concepts" and "packages", to enlist the services of a he is still an essentially hollow being whose only skill, like It is widely believed that the that of the creature in the

lies in speedily extending his

empire within any organiza-tion that first admits him. It seems more than likely say, smashing in-hat within the next few years mings. So amazing, in fact, that he MCC will be urged to I think it might be better in that within the next few years will be declared out. Instead,

sideways. There were all very, very excited by it. By the way, how're the kids? Great. Terlovely lady in your life? Soper. Splen-

terms of the long-term concept duddy umpires for professional on-site PRs, adept at seen to walk back to the pavilion now. Lovely, lovely. Oh, and don't forget the bat. And, Graham, do let's have kuich soon!"

BROWN

> As further details emerge about Field Marshal Montcomery's meetings with Chairman Mao in the early Sixties, it is worth recalling Montgomery's most vivid impression of the character of the Chinese leader. "He has a great sense The British have long been

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Will the Pope kick off his Will the Pope kick off his over-tidingly anxious to show next Christmas message with that they, too, are a gaggle of a knock-knock joke? Will

> a quip **and a pun**. Edna Everage with her "all on springs to their wigs before star" audience on Sunday giving the defendant three night will have witnessed the guesses as to the length of his desperation of the famous to sentence? Is there no end show that they, too, have a to jokes?

> unnaturally keen on a sense of sense of humour, no matter

ha-ha-ing hooters, beginning surgeons take to wearing and ending their every public specs-nose-and-moustache utterance with a merry smile, novelty masks while performquip and a pun. ing open-heart surgery? Will Those who watched Dame judges stick wacky antennae



# DIARY

LORD ST JOHN OF FAWSLEY

7 hen the frenzied rush and commercial distractions of Christmas are over, and the friends and relations, however beloved, are gratefully departed, one can enjoy a little peace and look at the garden once again. Some people say that a garden in December is depressing, but they are in error, the delight of a winter garden can be as great as the abundances of summer or of spring. Certainly one of them is colour, made all the more brilliant by the background of bare branches or of evergreen.

Can there be anything more cheering and bright than holly berries, which mercifully until now the birds, presumably because of the mild weather, have largely left un-touched? They are matched by the scarlet fruit of the pyracantha, again especially abundant this year. I have never seen the winter jasmine so prolific and its yellow primrose-like flowers glow in the sun. A more subtle treat is afforded by the clusters of little white bells of Arbutus Andrachnoides, or strawberry tree, and the scent (I refuse to say perfume and the dreaded word fragrance, a modern affliction, will never pass these lips) of the racemes of tiny daffodil like flowers of Mahonia Bealei.

I do not even have to leave the house to enjoy the first splashes of pink of Rhodo-dendron Handsworth Scarlet, which I can see from my study window, and over in the churchyard the outside snowdrops (probably Nivalis Atkinsii) are already fully grown. A bonus this year is the deep yellow of the Fremtodendron Californicum, which started flowering in spring and amazingly is

Keats put autumn on the map. Cannot the same be done for winter?

nother joy of this period of the year is that there is a chance to read something other than official papers, the dreary stream of which has temporarily ceased to flow. A kind friend has given me Jerrold Northrop Moore's life of our greatest composer, Edward Elgar, which has the same psychological insight and massive scholarship as Richard Ellmann's recent life of Oscar Wilde. I am also enjoying the completion of Asa Briggs's great trilogy, Victorian Things.
One of the more agreeable of Victorian

creations was the snow white Parian which, from the 1840s onwards, began to supersede the more garish Staffordshire as the country moved up market. Pugin used it and virtually all the members of the then royal family and every 19th century statesman of note have been embalmed in it forever. Parian united Gladstone and Disraeli in ecumenical harmony. Disraeli and Lord Salisbury were also pickled in pottery, depicted against an arch, and described as "the Keystones of the Kingdom."



'Neville chose the turkey this

₹ he post-Christmas break also allows a little browsing among ancient and too at the moment in Cheiro's Book of Numbers, left to me by an aunt. Does anyone now remember or read Cheiro, the most celebrated clairvoyant of his day? He devoted more zeal to the study of numbers than virtually anyone since Pythagoras, and crected a whole structure of character analysis and prophecy built on the nine basic numbers. Every number after nine is but a combination of its predecessors: you find your number by looking at the day of the month on which you were born and adding, where necessary, accordingly. Nine is a unique number in calculation in that, multiplied by any number, it always reproduces itself.

Cheiro masked the identity of Count Louis Hamon who, for more than 50 years, read the palms of the great. One of his earlier successes was that with a stranger he encountered in a railway carriage, and noting from his hand that the line of destiny was broken by the heart line. Cheiro predicted that his career would be terminated by a woman. The stranger laughed and, handing over his card, remarked: "A man with my life has no time for women. The name on the card was Charles Stewart

ust as remarkable, and distinctly more verifiable, was his prophecy about the Duke of Windsor, made when the latter was still Prince of Wales. In World Predictions, which was published in 1931, he wrote: "It is well within the range of possibility owing to the peculiar planetary influences to which he is subject, that he will in the end fall a victim of a devastating love affair. If he does, I predict that the prince will give up everything, even the chance of being crowned rather than lose the object of his affection."

The prince, who was then at the height of his popularity and lapped by popular adulation, abdicated five years later as King Edward VIII, but Cheiro did not survive to see his prescient prophecy fulfilled. He had died two months earlier. What is one to make of all this? The sceptical will dismiss it as nonsense or coincidence, but others will regard it as a glimpse of the pattern in the carpet. But my own stance, unusually, is agnostic. Perhaps our national poet got it

There are more things in heaven and Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

#### David Walker sees the need for a full public debate

# Charity out in the cold?

which charities and the state operate, and for a very good reason: charities and voluntary groups are desperately vulnerable to the vagaries of policy. Norman Fowler, the Employment Secretary, clicks a finger and a host of charities which had got closely involved in employment training for young people and the long-term unemployed suddenly find their grants evaporating and their own staff joining their former clients.

This is not a question that is likely to be debated when the Government publishes its white paper on charities in the New Year, either. All the signs, including some recent words on the subject from Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, are that the white paper will be confined to the strict issues of charity regulation. These are important. The register of charities is inad-

equate. The Charity Com-

insist on proper accounts and to ensure that public trustees do their jobs. But they do not go far. Chanty specialists such as Foster Murphy of the Volunteer Centre (a Home Office training

and support unit) want the Government to apply its mind to how far it really hopes to go in substituting charitable effort for municipal social services, Department of Employment initiatives, or government-to-government development aid. During the past year speeches by senior Cabinet ministers have pricked the consciences of

businessmen and newly-relieved taxpayers alike, urging them to contribute more to charity. Hurd in particular has discovered active citizenship. But how far does it go?

In housing it seems, all the way: the voluntary sector is primed to take over lower cost

renting from councils lock, stock and barrel. In social services, less far: the Women's Royal Voluntary Service has not yet been asked to provide meals-onwheels in place of council social services departments, though theoretically it could.

The charity world certainly has a case for a little more reflection along these lines than it has heard. It matters a great deal to the charities (and to us as potential donors and volunteers) whether Barnardo's will get big-ger and bigger and whether its top people will be paid more and become increasingly like exec-utives of a multi-million pound business. It matters because while Great Ormond Street chil-dren's hospital and the Spastics Society may stand high in the popularity stakes (perhaps because they are good at publicity), other equally deserving groups are left out in the cold.

Yet the charity world does not, it turns out, want the deep thinking to go too far. During 1988 Mrs Thatcher caught wind of some charities engaging in what she called "politics"; she demanded a list of bodies which are receiving grants from Whitehall, and an inter-departmental monitoring committee was set

up as a result. Her action sent tremors through the charities, which for a while feared that the white paper might attempt a revision of the wonderful and ancient definitions of charity with which British law currently operates. (Douglas Hurd appears to have fended off any such likelihood). They especially feared Mrs Thatcher's imprint, proscribing, say, charities for homosexuals and certain kinds of Third World development.

A fear of partisan redefinition is well-founded. But are the

ancient definitions (a compound of Elizabethan statute. Victorian codification and subsequent judge-made revisions) adequate? Is there any intellectual principle which allows the right-wing In-stitute of Economic Affairs to enjoy the tax privileges of cha-rity but not, say, the Church of Scientology?

The ancient "heads" defining charity as work for the poor, for education, religion and the benefit of the community are extolled by some as a gloriously British, baggy set of categories which the wisdom of the courts will sooner or later bend to the shape of prevailing practice. In fact they stem directly from the moral universe of a hierarchical, Christian society in which the spirit of enterprise would have been, and indeed was, considered subver-

For better or worse, we now live in a relatively post-Christian, egalitarian society whose members are daily enjoined to be more enterprising. Quite what charity amounts to in such circumstances is an issue which the forthcoming white paper ought to address - unless we are content to let Dickens's sentimentality alone answer Scrooge's seasonal question.

# **Douglas Johnson**

# Making the most of 1789

television staged a re-trial of Louis XVI and invited the viewers to agree or to disagree with the death sentence which was passed and enacted in 1793. Fifty five per cent voted for the king's acquittal and 17.5 per cent were in favour of him being exiled. Only 27.5 per cent were in favour of the death penalty. The majority rejected the most dramatic event of the Revolu-

Scrooge had a point. In A Christmas Carol, a do-gooder

comes to Marley & Scrooge

soliciting a donation to the parish fund for prisoners and the

poor. Scrooge doesn't just say no: he gives a reason. "I pay rates for workhouses and prisons, so why should I contribute twice by

Maybe it takes a hard heart to

be a good policy analyst, for

Scrooge's question deserves an

answer - not only by the

charities but also by government

ministers who have recently

made charitable giving a key idea in their thinking about the

In such fields as community

care for the mentally handi-capped, the relief of poverty through the Social Fund, opera-

tions for children in cash-strapped hospitals and even

entry to higher education for

poor students, charity now has a central place. Since we already

pay for these things through taxation, why should we put

Charity professionals have no

ready answer, but certainly want the question debated. Nicholas

Hinton, of the Save the Children

Fund, is a keen advocate of keeping separate the spheres in

more money into a tin?

future of social policy.

giving to charity as well?"

Nevertheless, on New Year's Day, balloons carrying letters with special commemorative special commemorative stamps will be released from the principal towns of France to inaugurate the bicentenary. Each balloon will celebrate the department from which it is launched, the administrative unit of the department being the creation of the Revolution. However, it appears that some

of the towns involved do not wish to celebrate 1789 at all. The Mayor of Paris, Jacques Chirac, is said to be rather cool in his attitude towards the bicentenary, although he has denied this and pointed to the many exhibitions, festivals and ceremonies being organized in the capital. But he admits that many Parisians wonder whether the expenditure of some £10 million in 1989 is

Obviously specially commissioned works of art will remain, and the population as a whole will enjoy the open-air cinema, the fireworks and the dancing in the streets. But the supreme irony is that July 14 will not see the culmination of these popular jubilations, because the summit conference of the seven richest countries in the world is due to meet in Paris on that date.

One symbol replaces another. The storming of the Bastille on July 14 was chosen to be France's national day by the politicians of the Third Republic because it represented the apparently spontaneous action of the French people, seeking to de-stroy the symbol of tyranny. The fact that the Bastille then housed only a handful of aristocratic prisoners and madmen, and that the attackers were looking for arms and ammunition rather than thinking in terms of liberation, was another story. July 14 next will become the symbol of

few weeks ago French France as the leader of the world's most powerful and richest countries.

For decades now the cate-chism of the French Revolution has ceased to exist outside the universities, the lycées, some sparsely attended political meetings and the municipalities which have to organize the July 14 parades. Don't talk to French holiday-makers about Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. Fiftyfive million Monsieur Hulots can't be wrong and they know that the Revolution meant the destruction of châteaux and churches; they have seen the desecrated statues and they have heard about the killing of priests and the looting of art treasures.

They can sigh over a world that was destroyed. But they do not mourn those who were also destroyed: Marat, Danton, Robespierre. After all, these men brought it upon themselves.

One of the television audience who voted in favour of the acquittal of Louis XVI described his judges as crooks. "They insisted on calling the king Monsieur Capet," he said. "But then they went on to be given aristocratic titles by Napoleon." One remembers the story of the old revolutionary who was even-tually made a duke by Napoleon. "But what shall we call you now?" asked his old revolutionary comrades. "Ah, that's of no importance," he replied, modestly. "Just call me Mon-

he cult of the Revolution flourished when it served a purpose. Thus in the 1880s and 1890s it was made into a support for those who were striving to establish a rational, radical parliamentary Republic. After 1917, those who thought that the Bolshevik revolution offered a hope for the future of mankind called on Robespierre as a witness for progress. The Popular Front of 1936 and the Liberation of 1944 and 1945 were other occasions when the French people could believe that they were on the stage of history, in the tradition of the great insurrectionary days of the past. But the word revolution today conjures up visions of the Soviet

could be said that only the terrorist will now take moments of the French Revolution as a point of reference. No wonder that lots of its history is depicted as murderous and conspira-

There are other reasons why those organizing the celebrations of the bicentenary have to walk warily. The origins and the course of the Revolution have been endlessly discussed by historians. But no consensus has emerged. Any idea of analysing these years as a struggle between classes, with aristocrat and bourgeois, artisan and peasant, play-ing out their roles has been dismissed as inadequate.

Even national interpretations are unacceptable, as we are told that we have to distinguish between town and country, west-

France, what is Parisian and what is the world beyond Paris. In terms of history, it would seem that everything about the subject is up for grabs. This is fascinating for historians who revel in the discovery of contradictions and the unravelling of complexities. But it is hardly suited to a great national

celebration. There are two other considerations which make the Revolution difficult to stomach. First is the realization that the internal opposition to it, the Counter-Revolution, was not simply the work of aristocrats, bigoted priests and English agents, as has frequently been claimed. If the Revolution is to be eulogized as the work of the ordinary people, then it has to be recognized that its opponents, in Brittany and the Vendée, were the people.

Peasants and labourers fought with courage and conviction. They were massacred by the representatives of the Parisian Revolution, and myths and legends are growing and are being manufactured concerning the numbers who were killed. It has almost become a commonplace to compare these victims to the lews who were liquidated in the Holocaust

The other consideration concerns French economic history. It may be simplistic but it is all the more compelling because of that. On the eve of 1789, it is argued, France and England were about equal in terms of industrial development. By 1815, when the revolutionary and Napoleonic wars were over France was lagging behind Britain, and was not to catch up in terms of the modernization of

the economy until the 1950s.

Agricultural production stag-nated as the peasants became small proprietors; Napoleon's attempt to control the continental economy distorted French industrial development, the occupation of Amsterdam benefited London. One historian has concluded that, in terms of loss of life and trade, destruction, and wasted resources, the Revolution was a cruel experience.

ow then can it be celebrated? Seeking to avoid what the President has described as sterile controversy, the government is concentrating on two aspects. The one is the Declaration of the Rights of Man (voted in August 1789), which is to be linked to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (the 40th anniversary of which has just been commemorated in Paris in the presence of Lech Walesa and Andrei Sakharov). The other is the idea of Europe, since the French Revolution was far from being an event confined to France, but has to be seen as a movement which affected the whole continent.

1989 is meant to be the year of the French. From July, when France assumes the presidency of the Community, President Mitterrand will be at his most active in endeavouring to create a monetary, social and cultural contact with eastern Europe. France's bid for leadership will be sustained by the bicentenary.

If it is asked how one's view of the Revolution will be affected by all the activities that are being organized, there is one possible answer. A national hero might emerge. And that could be

Lafayette. He was a world figure, an aristocrat who helped the Americans to win their independence, and who supported the moderate phase of the Revolution. As a military commander he tried to protect the King and to prevent mob violence. After exile he returned to France and died in 1834, at the age of 77. He was a survivor, and survivors are popular in Mitterrand's France. The author is Professor of French History at University College London.

#### gulag or of Iranian intolerance. It Commentary • ALAN RYAN

# Young hope betrayed

Returning to America twenty years after the annus mirabilis of 1968 has been provoking gloomy thoughts of loves lost and for-saken. "Will we ever get over the Sixties?" asked a recent Newsweek cover, but I can only wonder why anyone should want to get over that wide-eyed and hopeful decade. Indeed, the only one of my 1968 allegiances that 1988 has seriously shaken is my love of New York and what used to go with it - a real dislike of Washington. After countless old musicals and endless shots of Manhattan seen from the Staten Island ferry, to spend 1968 teaching in New York was a year in heaven, like playing a bit part in On The Town and getting a professor's pay for it.

All the clichés were true: you could eat, drink and go to the movies at four in the morning; everyone talked loudly, simultaneously and about everything at once; and under the benign if not wholly competent rule of Mayor John Lindsay, New York was simultaneously Fun City, the Big Apple, and cultural capital of the world. Once you had changed your blood for adrenalin and got used to the speed, life was wonderful.

Washington was a city which John Kennedy had apply de-scribed as "combining northern charm with southern efficiency", slow, boring, devoid of res-taurants, book stores, cinemas, theatres, good jazz, affordable discotheques and all the other amenities of the good life. It was also the headquarters of the FBL the CIA and, above all, the Pentagon. It was a place to be marched on and sneered at, but hardly to enjoy. You could sneak into the National Gallery or the Smithsonian between anti-war demonstrations, but a closer acquaintance would have been in poor taste.

All that has changed. Washington has emerged as an American Paris, while New York is more like Calcutta than ever. The change is symbolized by their public transport. The Nev York Subway is less filthy and less unreliable than it was, but it remains filthy, noisy, ugly and erratic; the Washington Metro is quiet, clean and quick, its sta-tions classically calm and elegant. Above ground, New York knocked down the old Pennsylvania Station and built a commuters' slum beneath Madison Square Garden; Washington has just reopened Union Station in its pristine glory as a grand entrance to a real capital city.

Still, if geographical loyalties have faltered, the politics of 1988 make one long for the Sixties. To us ageing members of the political class of 1968, this year has been pure betrayal. George Bush ran his whole campaign as a referendum on the spirit of 1968, and it was as nasty as it was successful. Twenty years ago, George Wallace's talk of "pointy-headed liberals" was seen to be redneck extravagance: this year George junior was all too successful with the narrowminded and the close-fisted. Twenty years ago, the hairy and the rebellious burned the American flag wherever the chance offered; Bush got himself elected by wranning himself in it.

It's not just that "liberal" has

become a dirty word. People

who are willing to call them-selves conservatives actually disthan avowed liberals do. The liberals console themselves that he will be indolent and incompetent, and do less damage than he intends, which is just what drives the conservatives wild with frustration. Not that most conservatives see themselves as such. "Moderate" is the preferred term.

To the outsider, American moderation looks like the conservatism of the Eisenhower 1950s, especially in foreign af-fairs, now that the chastening effects of Vietnam have worn off. What is astonishing is not so much what politicians and commentators argue for as what they take for granted. Otherwise sensible people - leader writers on the New York Times or Washington Post, for example discuss the pros and cons of policy without for a moment doubting America's absolute right to dictate terms anywhere in the Western Hemisphere. An Englishman who recalls that the American colonies rebelled to demonstrate that large nations should not bully small ones can

The New Republic used to be the voice of somewhat leftish Democrats; it leaned towards Israel in foreign politics, but only mildly so given how many of its writers and readers were Jewish. It has now gone moderate, which means Reaganite: violently hostile to the Sandinista government in Nicaragua, and suspicious of any tentative moves towards peace on the West Bank. Its domestic politics remain sceptical and good-natured; but its view of the rest of the world is anything but moderate. For all Reagan's talk of

"morning in America", he was a retiree elected by a pretty middle-aged nation, and middle age is notoriously a time of betray-als. Youthful ambitions sink beneath the pressures of the mortgage, and a vague guilt seeps into life — either we were foolish when young or we have grown foolish since, and either way it's hard to look the Recording Angel in the eye. American politics has a lot of that about it today. It is selfish, narrow and ungenerous, but guiltily so.

When the liberal governments of the 1960s failed to cure all the ills of American life, too many politicians cashed in by denying that government should try to cure any of them. They know, though they don't quite know how to break it to the taxpayer, that that was a mistake; America cannot go on for ever with a health care system that produces the infant mortality of a Third World country, an education system that leaves a quarter of the population unfit for anything but menial jobs, urban neglect that leaves a coloured underclass to die of Aids and drug abuse, and a political system which

abandons argument for pap. Though 1960s liberals underestimated the difficulty of bring-ing American standards of health, education and political intelligence up to Scandinavian - or even Canadian - levels, the 1990s will certainly tell us why we have to try again. The author is Professor of Politics at Princeton University.

#### ON THIS DAY

At the end of the First World War the British Army had more than 700.000 horses and mules. Ten years later the Royal Army Service Corps was phasing them out, though in some operational areas horses were again used in the war of 1939-45.

#### A Landmark in Mechanization

The last day of 1929 will mark an important stage in the steady progress of mechanization which has been going on in the Army since the Armistice, for with the old year the last remaining horse transport service company of the Royal Army Service Corps will cease to exist. Except for the regimental wagons of those units of cavalry, artillery, infantry, and engineers which have not yet been mechanized, the military transport horse will disappear. In another column a brief outline is given of the history of the horse transport of our Army since it was first given some sort of organization in the bad old days when the wagon and its load were subject to different authorities. For the past forty-one years wagon and load, transport and supplies have been combined under the control of one corps, and now the time has come for that corps to bid a final farewell to the horses that have served it and the Army so well. We have grown so increasingly

accustomed in the last eleven years to dependence on the internal combustion engine that the number of horses and mules used for transport in the field during the War seems now almost incredible. They came from all parts of the world. Over 600,000 had been bought by the Remount Commission in Canada

and the United States. Whatever may be the future of cavalry and artillery there can be little doubt that for all practical purposes the horse is doomed to disappear before long from the first as well as from the second line transport of the Army.

The final mechanization of the

1929

Royal Army Service Corps seems an appropriate occasion for paying a last tribute to the animals which played a humble but not vaimportant part in winning the War, as well as to the men who cared for them. Their duties involved more hard work than glory, and, though they were spared the worst hardships of the front line they were often less immune from danger than the "front line" man naturally supposed. Of the sixteen thousand casualties suffered by the Corps, probably by far the largest proportion were suffered by the Horse Transport branch. There need be no fear, however, that the horse will ever be forgotten in the Army. Even within the Empire there are still many parts of the world where mechanical transport, with all its modern improvements, is useless. The need remains for the officer to be trained in horsemastership as well as in horsemanship, and to that end he must be inspired to love horses. A good horsemaster can readily adapt his knowledge to the control of other animals, as was proved in Palestine and the Eastern campaigns, in which animal transport played so large a part. In order that the lessons of these campaigns may not be forgotten, and that officers may be instructed in the management of pack animals for service, if required, in those parts of the world where mechanization of transport is impossible, a training depot will be retained at Aldershot, and here the tra-ditions of the horse transport will be kept alive.

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#### THE SPLITS TO COME

In world affairs, 1988 was a time of transformations on a scale that had been wholly unpredictable. As the year ends, the shape of international relations is different.

That is not, however, the appearance of British domestic politics which seem, although only superficially, to be essentially the same now as they were 12 months ago. The year ends, as it began, with Mrs Thatcher in the ascendant and meeting no effective political Opposition.

The centre is still in trouble. A year ago the alliance of the Liberal and Social Democratic parties was in utter turmoil as the majorities in both set about the painful business of merger. But the merger has left the new party of Social and Liberal Democrats faced with a competitor in Dr David Owen's "continuing SDP". The SLD has a new leader, Mr Paddy Ashdown, but no clear direction of policy.

For Labour, too, it has been a frustrating year. Mr Kinnock has tried to seize the opportunity to make it a "listening party" which harmonizes what the voters want with Labour's own wishes. He has started reviews of party policy, from defence to the economy, with the intention of adjusting Labour's strategies to the changes wrought by Mrs Thatcher's Government in society and the

Officially, Labour now acknowledges the need to come to terms with market forces, and to accept ballots for the election of union officials. Mr Kinnock himself has declared Labour's unilateralist defence policy "redundant" in the light of the changes in East-West relationships.

But the compromise with reality has been gingerly - and seen to be so. Labour's determination to get rid of British nuclear weapons remains, despite the hope of securing some off-setting reductions by the USSR. Mr Kinnock's revisionism on defence and other policy will continue to be resisted by the left. The challenge that he and his deputy, Mr Roy Hattersley, faced in the autumn leadership elections was a sign of this.

Mr Kinnock told his party conference that he took his easy victory as a mandate to turn Labour from a block-vote to a one-man onevote party, working for economic efficiency as well as social justice. But the activists' ears were plainly unreceptive. And, as the opinion polls show, voters do not trust Labour or believe that it has really changed. If there were a general election now, it is again Mrs Thatcher who would be returned to power.

This is the more remarkable in view of the persistent evidence from opinion polls that the public dissents from so many of the Government's policies. The year began with attacks on the Government over NHS policy and

continued with an onslaught against the effects of changes in social benefits to concentrate help on the most needy. There was also a massive revolt of Tory MPs against the community charge, which cut the Government's normal 101 Commons majority to a mere 25, while a wrecking amendment in the Lords was defeated only by recourse to the backwoodsmen. Now there is criticism of water and electricity privatization.

The brightest spot for the Government was the continued economic recovery and a popular budget intended to make Britain a low- tax and high-incentive economy. Even if the City bubble had burst, what did that matter, provided growth and industrial expansion continued? The renewal of inflation. however, and large trade and balance of payments deficits have once again forced a sharp rise in interest rates, dimming the shine of Mr Lawson's chancellorship and casting doubts on the durability of the Government's greatest achievement, the defeat of inflation.

Yet the Conservative hegemony in potential votes remains apparently undiminished. The principal explanation is the incapacity of the

Effective opposition generally benefits the cause of responsive government. The past year has shown the most effective criticism to come from the Conservative rank and file. Mrs Thatcher, however, has shown herself sensitive to new thinking. Her espousal of "green" concerns, for example, has turned fringe politics into the real thing. This will undoubtedly emerge strongly in the coming debates on water privatization.

For the departments of health and social security, 1988 was the year of separation. Though the Prime Minister is normally reluctant to spend time on institutional change, she could do worse, following the eggs scare of the year's end, than consider a consumers' Ministry of Food, separate from the producers' Ministry of Agriculture.

This was also the year in which Mrs Thatcher grasped the European nettle. She has seen the significance of the conflict between those who wish to preserve the national dimension within a progressively more integrated Europe, and those who wish to do away with frontiers, not only in trade terms but in all other respects as well. This could be the largest issue ahead for the Tories and possibly the most risky test of their unity.

Despite the deterioration in the state of Northern Ireland and in the British Government's relations with the Republic in 1988, it is neither of these that is likely to strain politics at home. The Community is quite another matter. It could conceivably be material for Tory fission, as Ireland once was for the old Liberal Party.

# TALKING ABOUT ARMS

This year ends, and the next will begin, with and requiring agreement from so many more hopes for progress in arms control than at any time since the early 1970s. While there is little solid military foundation for such optimism, it has its roots in an East-West atmosphere which has discernibly warmed in 1988. The political conditions, at least, are right for constructive progress.

Nato's underlying concern, throughout most of its nearly 40-year history, has been the Warsaw Pact's superiority in conventional forces. The Soviet Union's offensive capability, enhanced by geographical advantage, has left the West with little confidence in its own front line.

Nato's strategy of flexible response to a Warsaw Pact offensive is not really very flexible at all, since the West would almost certainly have to "go nuclear" within days to halt the steady advance of enemy armour. The emasculation of this threat has been a priority target for Western governments.

Their concern led, 15 years ago last month, to the talks on mutual and balanced force reductions (MBFR) in central Europe. The Warsaw Pact's failure to provide acceptable data or to agree on a series of compromise proposals led to a long stalemate which served to give conventional arms control a bad name.

The real significance of Mr Gorbachov's unilateral troop and weapons cuts, annouced with such eclat at the United Nations this month, lay less in the detailed figures than in his implied admission that the Russians, as Nato has been arguing for years, have more troops than they are ever likely to need.

It is equally apparent that they have more than they can reasonably afford. Mr Gorbachov, in cutting half a million off the five million total, reaps political, economic and even strategic dividends simultaneously. A leaner, better-equipped Soviet military could result. By making his move without waiting to negotiate joint reductions, he has also brought pressure to bear on Nato just as it is reluctantly

preparing to modernise its forces. It would be unrealistic to expect a swift conclusion to the new conventional stability talks (CST) which are aimed at cutting conventional forces between the Atlantic and the Urals and which should open some time in the spring. The two sides have not yet settled the terms of reference, although the negotia-

tions could still start in February. Nato's riposte to Mr Gorbachov spoke of reducing forces to an equal ceiling far lower than the Soviet leader had envisaged. The complexities of talks embracing so many differing definitions of weapons and troops

national governments make those of the MBFR talks seem minor. The Soviet Union's new doctrine of "reasonable sufficiency" remains to be explored. The arguments over verification procedures alone threaten to prolong the talks indefinitely.

But this month's events, including the generous Western response to the Armenian earthquake, have given the process a kick-start. MBFR was a quid pro quo, conceded by the Soviets in return for Nato's agreement to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). CST, by contrast, represents a mutual need to reduce troops which neither

East nor West can easily afford. But those hoping for results, as opposed to progress, in 1989 will have to look elsewhere and it is hard to know where. The Conference on Disarmament talks in Geneva on chemical weapons begin each year amid fresh hope of agreeing a ban on their manufacture and

stockpiling. The use of gas in the Gulf War and by Iraqi troops against the Kurds have given the negotiations fresh urgency - as have the reports of a chemical warfare (CW) plant in Libya. Partly in response to the horrors in the Gulf, the US Congress recently slashed Pentagon funds for CW development. President-elect Bush is said to be determined to secure a treaty. But serious difficulties over

verification remain. Major-General William Burns, head of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, said in London last month that agreement could be reached within twelve months in the strategic arms reduction talks (Start) between the super-powers. That sounds like wishful thinking.

Start negotiators, who are trying to work out a 50 per cent cut in strategic nuclear weapons, are due to assemble again in the New Year. after a Christmas break. But large obstacles remain, notably sea-launched cruise missiles (SLCMS) - which the Americans want to exclude altogether because of verification problems - and the US strategic defence initiative. Few Americans close to the Start negotiations expect a conclusion within the

усаг. It may be, therefore, that those who look forward to a year of uninterrupted progress towards treaties on nuclear, conventional and chemical weapons are allowing themselves to be carried away by Christmas spirit. But arms control will never succeed unless the political climate is right. The world is at least moving towards that minimum precondition.

#### Drawing the lines From Dr R. L. Marshall

Sir, The eminent cartographer, Mr H. A. G. Lewis (as reported by Alan Franks, "Knowing where to draw the line". December 19), notes the difficulties "provided by the boundaries" in charting a contentious world. Perhaps I may add the footnote of a single, distant example.

For a time during the Second World War I edited a series of discussion booklets for the Army under the title "The British Way 

and Purpose". We had to prepare for one of them a map, "World at War: December 1942", which variously shaded countries and territories into the main groups -United Nations (already a term in common use), Axis and Neutrals. What, then, should be the shading for Tibet?

Accept China's claim to sovereignty and Tibet should be with the United Nations. Accept Tibet's claim to independence and the shading should be that of the Neutrals. When I took the question to the middle reaches of the Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire.

Foreign Office, the judgement was firm: let the allocation be to the United Nations - at least partly on the argument that our map was more likely to be seen by the Chinese than by the Tibetan authorities.

That, I felt, did indeed illustrate the difficulties of map-making; but also, reassuringly, the pragmatism of the Foreign Office. Yours faithfully. R. L. MARSHALL

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Fair warning of terror in the air

From Mr Tony Robinson Sir, Whatever proves to have been the cause of the Lockerbie air disaster, the authorities' failure to pass on the warning of an imminent bomb attack on Pan Am is a matter of deep concern.

President Reagan is factually and morally wrong to claim, as has been reported, that warnings would clog up international air travel. The need is not for hourly bulletins of every single threat to be issued to the world at larger it is for the 200 or 300 people proposing to board a threatened flight to be given the facts known to the security services.

The Americans themselves recognised the justice of this principle, according to your report (December 23), when they informed an clite group of their own nationals serving in embassies around the world of the bomb threat to Pan Am.

If the matter is serious enough to warn people many of whom are not even prospective passengers, why not warn the people checking in for the flight and let them make up their own minds about boarding?

Yours faithfully, TONY ROBINSON, As from: 6 Clos du Bergoje, Auderghem, 1160 Brussels, Belgium. December 27.

#### Response to Arafat From Mr Michael Sherrard, QC

Sir, In your leading article of December 23 you state:

Modern terrorists are calm killers with a well worked out theory of how to dominate democracies by power and fear. Terrorism can only be countered by vigilance and a willing-ness to respond in kind.

I assume, of course, that by the phrase "respond in kind" you mean "by the most effective deterrent penalties" known to and available to be administered by due process of law.

Yet there is strong reason to doubt whether your determination is shared by the international community. During the last 40 years a large number of innocent civilian victims around the world have died because of Yassir Arafat's terrorist policies. This week we have seen him being greeted by the Pope (report, December 24).

How can one reconcile the message of your leading article with this sort of international (even Holy) acceptance of the leader of the most infamous terrorist organisation ever known? Yours faithfully, MICHAEL SHERRARD,

2 Crown Office Row, Temple, EC4. December 23.

#### Not so absurd

From Mr John L. Marshall, MP for Hendon South and MEP for London North (European Democrat (Conservative)) Sir, I must take issue with Bernard Levin's claim (December 12) that

the European Parliament is an absurdity". Although the European Par-liament was initially granted only a limited legislative role, it is perceived outside the Community as the voice of the people of

Europe. Thus it has had an influence far outside the European Community. Perhaps I can illustrate its value by referring to the question of human rights. In 1984, for example, constituents raised with me the plight of the Tukachinsky family. In those

pre-glasmost days this was a particularly barsh case. Mrs Tukachinsky had, when pregnant, been allowed to emigrate from the Soviet Union to Israel. She had given birth to twins, one of whom had died. Her husband had still to see their daughter as the Visa Department followed one refusal with another.

I was told that this would be a difficult case as the Tukachinskys had been married in a religious ceremony - unrecognised by the Russian authorities - rather than a civil ceremony. However, I raised this tragic case in the European Parliament and persuaded over half the MEPs to sign a resolution calling upon the Russian authorities to allow the family to be reunited - and within a few weeks they were.

I could refer to many other similar cases. I know it is fashionable for the sneering classes to question the merits of the European Parliament. But can anyone call a Parliament with such concern over human rights "an absurdity"? Yours sincerely

JOHN L. MARSHALL House of Commons. December 14.

#### Disaster relief From the Earl of Selkirk, KT

Sir, It is typical of Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, VC, that he should see at once the need for world-wide action for disaster relief. I would, however, make one comment - that is, that the central fund should be grant-making rather than executive. Whatever the achievements of the United Nations, speed of action is not likely to be their best quality.

Every country needs their own disaster-relief teams. They already exist in this country and my own contact is with the International Rescue Corps, who are not only well trained but have very modern equipment, including lasers. vibration cameras and heat detectors. They sent two teams to Armenia and I think may count

sioner or disabled person takes a job, good luck to them.

From Mrs Mary Tyler Sir, Valerie Riches (December 20) drew attention to the dangers of inadequate and inappropriate child care, while Hermione Parker's article (also December 20) showed how attempts to target help for the poorest families is bound to leave them in the

poverty trap. The targeting should be on the period of greatest need when there is one child or more below school age in the family. Very few mothers are able to make the net contribution to family income which is necessary to prevent poverty if the father is on less than average earnings. Even on average earnings the reduction in dissable income puts a severe strain on the family.

A special family responsibility benefit is needed at this time, in addition to child benefit, which is an all-too-modest contribution to the costs of the child's maintenance. The family responsibility benefit would be in recognition of either the loss of a parent's earnings while there are any children under school age in the home or, alternatively, the costs for provision of responsible sub-

There should be a choice for parents in providing the care young children need. If they do not provide it personally, then it needs to be chosen by the parents and be under their control, rather than having subsidised provision either by employers or by the State.

Yours sincerely. MARY TYLER 2 Corringway, NW11. December 21.

From Mr Anthony Wigram Sir, Hermione Parker's article, 'The meanest trap of all", should give all Conservatives a strong twinge of conscience. After nine years in office there can be no excuse for a failure to seriously address this problem, let alone solve it.

What is needed is a broad-brush approach which lies between blanket welfare and penny-pinching bureaucracy. Here are three simple ideas:

1. All single-parent families with children under 10 should be entitled to full supplement with-out deduction. If the parents manage to park the children and work full or part-time, good luck

2. There should be no deductions from pensions or disability payments in relation to earnings at any level. These should be paid tax-free as of right. If any pen-

#### Policeman's lot

expect and accept as our police

adapt to social change.

can be resisted by our police service if effective political oppo-

From Mr Colin W. Sellars Sir. The financial problems of

Diocesan quotas all over the country have risen by amounts far

Not a few churches in other European countries are quite heavily subsidised by the State. It seems ironical that the most "established" Church in Europe gets not a penny from that source!

#### themselves among those bodies who were warmly thanked by the Soviet Embassy in The Times this

morning.
Yours faithfully, SELKIRK, House of Lords. December 22,

From Mr S. J. Turney Sir, Mr King-Harman described (December 20) how the Nato military authorities blocked the idea of a civil emergency force to be available world wide to help post-disaster recovery operations. This is not really surprising but your readers should recall that when the Herald of Free Enter-

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Homing in on the poorest poor

3. All capital should be disregarded in assessing eligibility for supplement. If a person has a bit saved or gets a legacy or even wins the pools, good luck to them.

With billions of pounds in surplus and the lowest rates of tax for 50 years the Government can be proud of its achievements. Now is the time to be generous where it is most needed. Yours faithfully, ANTHONY WIGRAM, Berkelev House

15 Hay Hill, Wi.

December 21.

From Sir John Walley Sir, Hermione Parker's analysis of the economics of "targeting" social welfare payments - in my times, the vogue word was "selectivity" - is admirable. But I am left wondering why we, as a nation, have to go through these arguments yet again.

The case for using compulsory insurance as a means of reducing the levels of national and local taxation has been before us since the younger Pitt took time off from leading Europe in resistance to Bonaparte to promote legisla-

The hard-headed Canon Blackley, invented a new word for us in 1878 with "National insurance: a cheap, practical and popular way of preventing pauperism". He was even given the pulpit of Westminster Abbey to

advocate this as a Christian duty! Politically stupid Treasury officials convinced Asquith that contributions would be too un-popular and that his old-age pensions must be paid for out of general taxation on a means test. But, throughout, national insurance has been seen as a way of reducing, not increasing, national and local taxation.

The case for State benefits for children must be quite different; they cannot work for their own living and, indeed, are generally prohibited from doing so.

I cannot see why our Treasury should be allowed to pretend that the child benefit that I first advocated, at no net cost, in your columns in 1967 should be denied to anyone who undertakes this increasingly expensive task on our behalf. The late Lady Summerskill had a much better idea when she wanted to present our Queen with family allowance book on the birth of the Princess Royal! Yours sincerely

JOHN WALLEY 46 Rotherwick Road, NW11. December 20.

nationally and locally. However,

in an inventive rejigging of its market philosophy, the Govern-ment has started to whisper about

the privatisation of policing tasks

and promoted the Audit Com-

mission and kindred spirits to

represent public dissatisfaction in

robust and seemingly objective

These moves do not deal evenly

with the full range of policing

issues, but they have been seen

and understood by the more

contemplative of police managers.

Below the surface the evidence of

accelerating change in the police

service is encouraging. Perhaps

Stewart Steven's awakening

should be seen as part of that

BARRIE L. IRVING, Director.

314-16 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.

Something needs to be done if a

great many Anglican parishes are

From Professor Charles Chadwick

Sir, There is a glaring omission in

the letter from the six vice-chancellors who wrote to you

(December 17) expressing their

entire sympathy with the claim for

a salary increase for university

If the vice-chancellors dis-

approve of the proposed examina-

tions boycott, what alternative suggestion have they to make for

bringing pressure to bear on the

Government to remedy the mani-

fest injustice whereby university

teachers are the only group who are to receive no salary increase

to remain financially viable.

Boston Spa. Wetherby, West Yorkshire.

COLIN W. SELLARS,

Exam boycott

The Police Foundation,

economic terms.

Yours faithfully

December 16.

Yours sincerely

209 High Street,

December 18.

teachers.

whatsoever?

Yours faithfully, C. CHADWICK

Taylor Building

Old Aberdeen.

University of Aberdeen,

Department of French,

From the Director of the Police Foundation Sir, As benefits a professional cussion, Robert Kilroy-Silk (Commentary, December 16) paints a depressing picture both of tabloid editors and what we have to

He rightly emphasises the roleconflicts the police face and bernoans the social trends responsible for shaping those conflicts, but omits to point out that all but moribund institutions have to

While all such adaptation is difficult, it is particularly so for a monopoly founded on the legitimate use of force. The usual mainsprings of peaceful change sition is in short supply, both

#### Rural parish costs

rural parishes are by no means confined to Arlingham, the village in Gloucestershire which is unable to meet a call for funds from its diocese (report, December 17, early editions).

in excess of the rate of inflation during the past few years. When one is aware that parishes are also responsible for the rapidly rising costs of maintaining the fabric of the church building and insuring it, the vicar's expenses and substantial contributions to such things as the Church Urban Fund. the total financial liabilities of the typical rural parish are reaching crisis level. Congregations are rarely large and in order to make ends meet have to devote most of their time to fund raising - not surely, the main purpose of their

prise capsized in Zeebrugge's inner harbour, the major Nato exercise Wintex was taking place in the outer harbour.

The whistle was blown on Wintex; Nato ships, including HMS Herbert and Diomede, divers and helicopters were diverted to the Herald. The Times reported (March 9, 1987) a lieutenant-commander: who were saved were lucky to choose the day of Operation Wintex. We were able to begin in 15 minutes."

Yours faithfully, S. J. TURNEY (Director, Emergency Planning Unit), South Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authority, PO Box 37, Regent Street, Barnsley, South Yorkshire. December 22.

#### Cash that fails to compensate

From Professor David C. Taylor Sir, Massive sums being awarded in medical compensation cases is one way to show respect for the victim's sense of outrage and loss, and to censure medical careless-ness. But the increasing size and frequency of claims actually nourishes the climate of mistrust in which those claims are considered, and generates a sense of lottery, with spectacular winners obscur-ing the plight of the inevitable majority of embittered losers and those whose natural disasters allow of no claim.

There is a limited pool of money to be applied to health care and recent judicial decisions are in danger of further promoting the current very expensive and inequitable way of applying it, since money spent on a few individuals is diverted from maintaining the

service for the majority. Increasing the insurance contribution of doctors wrongly suggests that they make treatment decisions for gain when working as agents of the NHS. Passing the doctors' insurance costs to the health authorities only adds to the

authorities' existing burden. The whole matter depends upon the judge's decision as to whether massive payments are the appropriate way for our society to manifest its concern, or whether more token recognition would not equally validate the claimant's rights: whether more formal censure where it is due might not serve as well to concentrate doctors' attention; and whether, for the most part, people who feel themselves victims might be better served by a more accessible but less flamboyant system of com-

pensation.
Yours faithfully, DAVID C. TAYLOR, University of Manchester, Department of Psychiatry, Jesson House, Manchester Road Pendlebury. Manchester 27. December 22.

#### Ethiopian prisoners From Sir Bernard Braine, MP for

Castle Point (Conservative)
Sir, Last May, the Ethiopian
Government released seven princesses - members of the family of the late Emperor Haile Selassie - ... who had been held in prison for ... over 13½ years without trial. Those of us in this country who had been campaigning for so long... for this to happen were thankfulthat the incarceration of these innocent people had ended. However the amnesty did not extend to three male members of the family Vossen Seged (Paul) Mekonnen, aged 38, Michael Mekonnen, aged 34, and Bede Mariam Mekonnen,

aged 29. Arrested in 1974 as young men (Bede Mariam was only 16 at the time), they have spent the best part of their lives in prison. Paul has lost his teeth due to malnutrition and has recently suffered a bad reaction to meningitis vaccine; Michael has been in hospital twice with a liver complaint and Bede Mariam has a chronic eye infection. Their only 'crime" is that they are members of the family of the former

Addis Release, the organisation embracing MPs of all parties and outside groups which are strictly non-political, has also been campaigning for various prisoners of conscience held in Ethiopia. They include Martha Kumsa, aged 33, a journalist who previously worked on religious. broadcasting, Naimaat Issa, a former Civil Servant, and Tsehai Tolessa, aged 48, the wife of a clergyman who "disappeared" in July, 1979, after being abducted by gunmen believed to be security ... officials.

In the name of humanity, Ethiopian authorities must release all these prisoners. Yours faithfully, BERNARD BRAINE, House of Commons.

#### A tip for rubbish

From Mr Eric Pearce Sir, The roads and fields of Britain are littered with refuse. On a country walk in Surrey it is easy to collect enough discarded tins and bottles to fill a couple of plastic shopping bags.

When this is done, there is the problem of disposal. In the United States I noticed recently that there ... are trash skips at all car-parking sites, these being emptied reguiariy.

Why not in England? Were such facilities provided by local authorities, more country walkers: might pick up discarded tins in the knowledge that they would be able to dispose of them, and fewer motorists would leave a collection of plastic containers on the parking area where their car or van had rested

Yours faithfully, ERIC PEARCE, Boxgrove Cottage. Highfield Road, West Byfleet, Surrey. December 16.

#### Cash on delivery

From Mr James Page-Roberts Sir, Until they left primary school, my children were given five pence if they used an interesting word and another five if it rested well in the sentence.

I learned quite a lot that way. Yours faithfully, JAMES PAGE-ROBERTS, Skamore House, Tangley, Andover, Hampshire. Lecember 16.

### SOCIAL

. The Princess Royal will attend the Duke Ellington Concert at the Festival Hall on January 23, in aid of the Courtauld Institute of Art Fund.

**NEWS** 

#### Birthdays today

Mr Terry Butcher, footballer, 30; Mr W.A. Camps, former master, Pembroke College, Cambridge, 78; Mr H.D.B. Carr, cricketer, 62; Sir Andrew Maitland-Makgili-Crichton, former vice-chairman, Port of London Authority, 78; Sir Bayard Dill, barrister, 83; Mr T.W. Gould, VC, 74; Mr Roy Hattersley, MP, 56; Mr Max Jaffa, violinist, 77; Mr Nigel Kennedy, violinist, 32; Lieu-tenant-General Sir George Lea, 76; Mrs Frances Morrell. former leader, ILEA, 51; Lord Justice O'Connor, 74; Mr Simon Raven, author and dramatist, 61; Professor E.J. Richards, aeronautical en-gineer, 74; Mrs Joan Ruddock, MP. 45; Lord Salmon, 85; Miss Maggie Smith, actress, 54; the Right Rev WJ.
Westwood, Bishop of Peterborough, 63; the Hon Geoffrey Wilson, chairman, Delta Group, 59.

#### Adopt a beach

Conservationists are seeking foster parents to 'adopt beaches in an attempt to clean up the coastline. Guardians prepared to mount litter patrols will be offered stretches of beach in South Wales by Friends of the Heritage Coast.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr S.S. Kerr and Miss K.A. Falconer The engagement is announced between Scott Stewart, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.F. Kerr, of South Queensferry. West Lothian, and Katherine Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Falconer, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr M.R. Robertson and Miss P.J. Price The engagement is announced

between Martyn Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.S.M. Robertson, of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, and Penelope Jane, eldest daugh-ter of the late Mr R.H. Price, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, and Mme J. Penicaud and stepdaughter of M L. Penicaud, of Paris, France. Mr J.M. Veliz

and Miss J.F. Wright The engagement is announced between Joseph, elder son of Mr Emmanuel Vella and the late Mrs Amelia Vella, of Floriana, Malta, and Jan Fo-Martyn Foley Wright and of Mrs Vilma Wright, of Stourbridge, West Midlands.

#### SCIENCE REPORT

# Dabbling in the quark soup

which the Universe was born in a tiny but immensely bot fireball, has no serious challengers these days. But it is really a general theory rather than a specific model, and at a conference at Berkeley, California, last week on the connections between cosmology and particle physics, George Fuller, of the University of San Diego, described bow a lumpy Big Bang, while lacking some aesthetic appeal, might explain some puzzles about the Universe today.

The Universe started out hot and dense, and has expanded, over the course of perhaps fifteen thousand million years, to become the cold and fairty empty place it is today. By the time one second of cosmic history had elapsed, the temperature of the Universe was a mere ten thousand million degrees, and it was inhabited chiefly by protons, neutrons and electrons, the familiar constituents of atoms, whose properties we understand very well.

Soon afterwards, protons and neu-trons began to stick together in small clumps without being blown apart instantly by the heat.

These clumps were the first atomic nuclei; mostly helium, with traces of lithium and deuterium (a heavy version of hydrogen). These light elements or nytrogen. These light elements survive; astronomers can detect their presence in distant stars and galaxies. Because nuclear physics is well understood, the exact quantities of these elements can be calculated, assuming

you know how much matter there was in the Universe at a given temperature.

Put the other way round, this means that measurements of their abundance today tells cosmologists how dense the Universe was at early times, which in turn can be used to work out how much matter there should be in the Universe now. Remarkably, the number that comes out of this seemingly tortuous argument agrees very well with what astronomers estimate from counting all the galaxies they can see. This agreement is one of the strongest reasons for believing that the standard Big Bang model must be pretty close to the truth.

But the density of the Universe, estimated in both these ways, turns out to be fairly low, and there is growing astronomical evidence that the Universe is fall of dark matter which cannot be seen, but which reveals itself by the way galaxies move around the sky.

Most cosmologists have supposed that this dark matter is some strange stuff, previously unknown to physics, but Fuller and his colleagues have instead assumed that it is conventional matter, perhaps hidden away in the form of very dim stars. This, however, means the early Universe was denser than we first thought, which throws calculations of the light element abundances away.

To get around this problem, Fuller remarks that we really have no way of knowing what was happening when the Universe was a little younger than one second. At that time, it was too hot for

they would have been torn apart into quarks and gloons, the exotic particles from which they are made. Modern physics is not complete enough to say just how protons and neutrons coagn-lated from the cooling quark soup, and it is quite possible that it happened very unevenly, like ice forming in lumps of the surface of a freezing poud.

There might then have been dense clumps of protons and neutrons in some places, and none in others. Because neutrons have no electric charge, they can move around more easily, and would spread out from the dense clumps, leaving the protons behind. In places where there were many protons, there would be few neutrons, and vice versa; this makes nuclear reactions less efficient, so that a dense but clampy universe can make roughly similar amounts of helium, deuterium and lithium as a less dense Big Bang.

Detractors find this clumpy Universe unappealing, and it would indeed be remarkable if it were somehow able to produce light elements in the same mts that the simple Big Bang makes so straightforwardly. But until defenders of orthodoxy can identify the dark matter in their universes, many astronomers are keeping an open mind.

David Lindley

# A blessed time for Lucky the turkey



Lucky, the appropriately named turkey, savours his second surviving Christmas as he is blessed by the Very Rev John Tombling, Rural Dean of Battersea, during a service for the blessing of circus animals in the Big Top of Gerry Cottle and Austen's circus in Battersea Park, south London, yesterday. It is intended that the blessing will become an annual event.

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The controversial and scenic all-year service between Car-Settle to Carlisle railway line, lisle and Leeds, with a connection to Blackburn. This would which is threatened by closure next May if it has not been generate additional users on taken over by private in-terests, could run profitably, a substantial increase in leiaccording to consultants.

The report, commissioned by the English and Cumbria Tourist Boards, suggests that revenue of £3 millions a year could be generated within three years, with annual operating costs for the first three years of just over £2.8millions.

In addition there would be initial capital costs, including a contribution towards the repair of the Ribblehead Viaduct, which would require expenditure of around £1.4 The consultants recom-

USA 1913-21, 1856; Pio Baroja, novelist, 1872; Sir Arthur Deaths: Pierre Bayle, philosopher, 1706; Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1st Baron Dreiser, novelist 1945; Paul Macauley, writer and his-Hindemith, composer, 1963.

sure passengers from Greater Manchester. They also say that there should be special trains running between Carlisle and centres such as York, Manchester and Blackpool, similar to services in Scotland, and

Pullman excursions from London to Stratford and York. They also see opportunities for tourist developments at three centres along

millions in the first four years. study indicates that the line could be operated successfully mend that there should be an by a private company."

#### Anniversaries

Archaeologists in San Francisco have

uncovered the remains of a Gold Rush

store, entombed after a disastrous fire

137 years ago. Bottles of imported olives

and mustard, patent medicine and

whiskey have been found intact, as well

as gold-processing equipment, guns and

The fire of May 3, 1851 was caused by

arson, by a gang known as the Sydney Ducks: a city for less than three years,

San Francisco was the landfall for the

"Forty-Niners" and their successors,

making for the gold lodes in the

hinterland, and a mass of wooden bars,

"In 1851, a man with a bag of gold

brothels, gambling saloons and stores.

could find anything he desired in San Francisco, Liquor, food, firearms, and

pleasure of every description were readily available", says Dr Allau Pastron, of the University of California,

at Berkeley. "One contemporary ob-

server said that 'California can and does

furnish the best bad things that are

Dr Pastron has been directing the

excavation of what was once William C.

Hoff's Gold Rush Store, on the edge of

the Long Wharf. The site now lies 15

obtainable in America'."

They conclude that "The

Births: Thomas Woodrow torian, 1859; George Gissing Wilson, 28th President of the novelist, 1903; Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel, designer of the tower in Paris, 1923; Leon Eddington, astronomer, 1882. Bakst, painter and stage de-Deaths: Pierre Bayle, philos-signer, 1924; Maurice Ravel, composer 1937; Theodore Dreiser, novelist 1945; Paul

# Settle line 'can pay' Countryfolk plan to fight York 'village'

A new "village" for 12,000 people on the outskirts of York that will turn some local farmers and landowners into millionaires is to be strongly

opposed. Plans for the development on Acaster Malbis airfield, a 560 acre second world war bomber base, will be made public when Shepherd Homes of York applies for planning permission in the new year. The site lies in a triangle of

quiet countryside bordered by the Ouse, the Wharle and the Leeds to York trunk road. It contains a scattering of small villages, the Appletons Roebuck, Malbis and Selby and Bolton Percy, which opponents say will be ruined if

the development is allowed. They have formed Protec-tion of Acaster Communities and Heritage (Poach), claimpowerful consortium of developers propose is far more than a village but a £200 million new town the size of Selby.

Archaeology

The Gold Rush miners' shopping list

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

feet below the junction of Sacramento

piles, collapsed and sank into the mud of

the harbour edge, and the location was

soon covered by landfill as the city was

The remains of the store were below

the level of San Francisco Bay, and the

site had to be shored and continuously

pumped out: the excavations were

protected from looters each night by

turning off the pumps, whereupon some eight feet of water covered the

derives from the fact that the site

represents a single depositional event — a sort of historical snapshot of life in

San Francisco on one day at the height

of the Gold Rush", Dr Pastron says in a

recent issue of Archaeology. The artefacts provide a glimpse into what early San Franciscans ate, what they

wore, how they famished their homes

and businesses, what medicines they

favoured, and the sorts of tools and

implements they took to the goldfields."

The unlacky, or newly arrived hope-ful, could eat salt pork from barrels

"The significance of Hoff's Store

archaeological deposit.

rebuilt and expanded after the fire.

and Battery Streets in the busin district: during the fire the store, built on

the whole natural habitat and the land would be worth if it atmosphere of this country- was sold for development is a side", Mr Roger Raimes, a private matter I do not wish to local farmer and a Poach discuss", he said. organizer, said. He turned down substantial offers for land he owns on the airfield and a stretch of ancient wood-

land adjoining it. "We do well enough out of farmed since 1764. A new town would absolutely transform the countryside around a here and ruin it. Yet I appreciate that it is very hard to meeting, he warned that the turn down £100,000 an acre company was prepared to for land that would otherwise

be worth no more than £1,500 an acre", he said. Mr Charles Robinson who owns and farms more than 100 acres of the airfield could become a multi-millionaire the moment planning consent was signed but seemed to be

little moved by the prospect. "As far as I understand it, planning permission has not been agreed and everything

filled with "what can only be described

as the most unenviable cuts of meat," Dr

Pastron says, along with hardtack biscuits and beans, all washed down

with rough whiskey or ale. Hundreds of

bottles, some still full, were unearthed.

Chinese export porcelain toilet outfits

were found in silk-lined cedar chests:

although Chinese were already present

in San Francisco, they were probably too poor to buy such things, which were destined for the homes and hotel rooms

Some unexpected items turned up,

including a wooden skittle and bowling

ball, while an army-issue buckle,

martingale, powder flask and medal-

lions suggest that an officer lodged

highlights the central role of San Francisco as the entrepôt for the development of the American West

during the momentous days of the Gold Rush," Dr Pastron says. "It is a chronicle of the mundane, a place where

the common man came to shop," and

documents an aspect of American

Source: Archaeology Vol 41 No 4: 32-39.

history that is often left out.

"The archaeology of Hoff's Store

of the Anglo-American residents.

above Hoff's Store in May 1851.

"We are terribly concerned would depend on that. What I for the communities and for have been offered and what

Haif a dozen other farmers including Mr Robinson's brother, own other large stretches of the airfield, bought years ago

Shepherd Homes confirmed farming to want to stay here they would be putting their where my family has lived and scheme forward for planning permission "fairly soon."

When Mr Jolyon Harrison, Shepherd's official, described the plans at a public company was prepared to press the application to the highest government level.

The 4,500 to 5,000 new homes would be built on a human enough scale and of a design that warranted describing the development as a village. Construction would be over 20 to 25 years with all community services and facil-

A new road linking the pment to the main road into York would draw traffic away from the existing villages. "You want to preserve your villages, but so do we", Mr Harrison reassured the locals.

Not all were reassured. Mr Raimes said a new town would grossly overload the existing villages, erode the green belt around York and bring in an army of career professionals with little feeling for Acaster's history and heritage. It would rob the community of its stable sense of permanence and concentrate the entire new housing requirement for York until 2006 into a single new town.
"That", he said, "cannot make sense.

The Archbishop of York, the age of 86. who lives in nearby student at the London School Bishopthorpe, has written of Dalcroze Eurythmics, she sympathetically to Poach and met and married its 44 year-Mr Raimes quotes a few lines old musical director, Ernest from the 17th century Puritan Read. Thus began one of the most fruitful musical partnerpoet Andrew Marvell who lived nearby in Nun Appleton ships this country has seen. Hall\_

Describing his local countryside, Marvell wrote: Ernest was already a wellknown musician, a dynamic professor at the Royal Acad-'Nature here hath been so free, emy of Music, an influential As if he had said, 'Leave this writer on musical education, to me'.' and a powerhouse of ideas and initiatives for getting young

The Acaster villagers aim to ensure that Nature is obliged. I men and women just out of

#### **OBITUARIES**

# PROF WILLIAM GRIMES

#### Archaeologist who found Mithraeum from Roman London

Professor W F Grimes CBE, DLitt, FSA, FMA, who died on December 25 at the age of 83, was the first professional archaeologist to be employed full-time on rescue archaeology and led the post-war excavations of Roman and Medieval London. He was for many years director of the London Museum and, later, director of the Institute of Archaeology of London University.

"Peter" Grimes - as he was invariably known in later life, though it would be difficult to point to any similarity be-tween him and the hero of Britten's opera - was a figure of considerable significance in the development of archaeology as a profession in Britain. Grimes was one of the first

to take a thoroughly pro-fessional attitude to archaeological fieldwork, and laboured throughout his career first to create the pro-fessional standards by which such work could be judged, and secondly to encourage the diffusion of these standards as widely as possible among both sionals and amateurs

Already a very competent fieldworker and excavator, he acquired during the Second World War an unrivalled variety of experience which enabled him to speak with great authority.

At the end of the war Grimes was appointed Direc-tor of the London Museum, in succession to Mortimer Wheeler. Shortly afterwards, in 1946, he became Director of Excavations for the newlyformed Roman and Medieval London Excavation Council.

This work, in advance of the redevelopment of the bombshattered City, continued over many years. In 1954 in the course of these researches the famous London Mithraeum came to light on the Walbrook site, a discovery of great public interest which led eventually to the removal of the remains from the site before building operations commenced and their reassembly outside No 11. Queen Victoria Street.

This chance find, though important, was incidental to the main purpose of the London excavations, which for the most part involved the patient investigation and interpretation of very complex

but generally unspectacular deposits, from which a detailed picture of the early development of the city could

Born on October 31, 1905. William Francis Grimes was educated at the University of Wales, where he took First Class Honours in Classics and subsequently obtained an MA with distinction for archaeological work on the Legionary Fortresses at Holi in Denbighshire.

1926 and remained there until Ordnance Survey as assistant archaeology officer under O G S Crawford. This continued to be officially his post until 1945, although he had been seconded to the Ministry of Works at the beginning of the war to record and excavate antiquities threatened with destruction because of wartime defence requirements.

This work was what is now he thus became the first professional archaeologist to tion of threatened sites, gen-

In 1956, on the retirement the University of London.

During the next 15 years he guided the institute's fortunes through a period which saw much development and many changes: the most important was the decision to inaugurate honours degrees in archaeology in the university. At the institute, founded in

be gradually built up.

He joined the National Museum of Wales as Assistant Keeper of Archaeology in 1938. He left to join the

called rescue archaeology, and be employed full-time in this way. Throughout the conflict he was engaged more or less continuously on the excavaerally under difficult conditions and with limited resources.

of Gordon Childe, Grimes became Director of the Institute of Archaeology and Professor of Archaeology in

the 1930s with the intention of providing a professional training for intending archaeologists, Grimes found an approach which coincided with his own, especially in the emphasis on the practical skills needed in the field and on environmental studies. He took great interest in field training activities and in the teaching of recording skills such as surveying and

Convinced of the need for an inter-disciplinary approach to archaeological research. and of the importance of environmental factors, Grimes fostered these aspects as much as he could. On his retirement he founded a prize for outstanding student work

in a combination of archaeology and environmental His first book was the Guide to the Collections Illustrating the Prehistory of II ales, published by the National Museum of Wales in 1939, and reissued as The Pre-history of Wales in 1951. In 1960 appeared the first volume of Excavations on Defence Sites 1939-45, intended to be one of

> excavations. A book containing a preliminary account of his work in the City of London. The Excavation of Roman and Medieval London, appeared in

three containing the complete

reports on his war-time

He was a member of the Royal Commissions for Ancient and Historical Monuments for Wales (from 1948 to 1978 and chairman from 1967) and for England (from 1964 to 1978). He also served on the Ancient Monuments Boards of both countries. He was closely connected with the Council for British Archaeology from its inception and was successively its Secretary (1949-54), President (1954-59) and Treasurer (1964-74). He was President of the Royal Archaeological Institute from 1957-60.

His concern with the environment of early man led to his active participation in the work of the Field Studies Council, of which he was chairman from 1966 to 1975 and President from that year. His links with his native Wales remained strong. He continued to conduct field survey work in Pembrokeshire for many years, and after his retirement went to live in

Grimes was married three times; his first marriage was dissolved and his second wife, Audrey, an archaeologist and colleague with whom he had worked over many years, died in 1978.

He is survived by his third wife, Molly, and a son and daughter of the first marriage.

#### DAW KHIN KYI

#### Woman pioneer figure in Burma

initiative, upon the country's

women to play a major role in

When in 1957 Burma's

General Aung San, Burma's national hero, and mother of opposition leader Aung San moted the founding through-Suu Kyi, died yesterday in Rangoon at the age of 75

Aung San was a leader in Burma's struggle for indepen-dence from Britain and became the country's first Prime Minister; their daughter emerged as a leader of Burma's largest opposition party during anti-government unrest earlier this year.

Daw Khin Kyi was an important person in her own right. Born in 1911 and qualifying as a nurse, she met and married General Aung San in 1942 while serving with the Medical Corp of the

tion in 1947 on the eve of Burma's independence in-evitably thrust her into public life. She became a member of Burma's Parliament and an active health and medical worker, leading Burma's delegation to the World Health Organisation assemblies of 1950, 1951 and 1952. her compound beside Inya

At the outbreak of the

the Ernest Read Music Associ-

in 1923 as a 21 year-old

aged 78.

KCVO.

Burma Independent Army. Her husband's assassina-

since both sides in the split claimed to be the true heirs of Aung San. She fell from favour under

General Ne Win's "caretaker" government in 1958, but helped U Nu to return to power in 1960. She was appointed Burma's Ambassador to India that year where, despite General Ne Win's seizure of power in 1962, she remained until 1967.

On her return to Rangoon, Daw Khin Kyi lived quietly in

In 1953 she was appointed Lake and was rarely seen in as the country's first Minister for Social Welfare. She propublic.

Possessed of a most likeable personality, allied to strength out Burma of voluntary social of character and integrity, she was devoid of affectation and welfare societies and associations, prevailing, with her own considerable drive and mixed dignified authority with a robust sense of

humour. Daw Khin Kyi was generously loyal in her friend-ships. People from all walks of life, and many parts of the world, continued to visit her

ruling party split she gave her support to U Nu; this was an in her retirement. She maintained her affecimportant political factor tion for Britain and her friends here and, in particular, an appreciation of this country's democratic ways.

She is survived by the elder of her two sons and by her daughter. It is poignant that Aung San Sun Kyi, returning to Rangoon this spring to nurse her mother after a serious stroke, should have become by popular appeal one of the leaders of the movement for the restoration of the democratic and political freedoms for which her father fought and, in the end, gave his life.

Tuckwell worked with Sir

fessorial unit before appoint-

ment as an assistant surgeon

at St Bartholomew's hospital

in 1947, and later as full

National Health Service in

In 1934 he married Phyllis.

who died in 1970, and by whom he had two sons and

one daughter who now sur-

vive him. He married again in 1971 Mrs Barbara Gordon

After his first wife's death a

who also survives him.

1975.

#### SIR EDWARD TUCKWELL

#### Royal surgeon from Bart's

Sir Edward Tuckwell, KCVO, Second World War Tuckwell consultant surgeon to St was appointed as a surgical Bartholomew's Hospital, and chief assistant at Bart's, a former Sergeant-Surgeon to remaining with the the Queen died yesterday, unevacuated part of his hospital in London during the He was surgeon to the Royal early years of the war.

In 1942 he joined the RAMC as a surgical specialist, Surgeon to the Queen from 1969 to 1973, and Sergeant-later taking part in the 2nd Army landing in north-west Household from 1964 to 1973, in charge of a field surgical Edward George Tuckwell, unit, with the rank of major. the son of a stockbroker, was born at Godalming, Surrey, on After the German armistice

he was sent to the Far East

May 10, 1910. After education where he served with 14th at Charterhouse School and Army in Burma and Sumatra, Magdalen College, Oxford, he and became a lieut-colonel in entered St Bartholomew's charge of the surgical division Hospital where he qualified of general hospitals.

On demobilisation in 1946

Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice was founded at Farnham, Surrey, and on this Tuckwell concentrated most of his energies.

#### HELEN READ

#### Gifted musical administrator

Helen Read, co-founder with school to perform music her late husband, Ernest, of together.

Helen discussed all his ation, died on December 23 at schemes with him, helped to translate his more visionary ideas into practical undertakings, assisted with his speeches and articles, organised his rehearsals, concerts and courses, and alternately charmed and bullied anyone who could help to get their enterprises off the ground.

What they planned and achieved together in the 1920s and 1930s reads like a compendium of ideas and initiatives which fizzed and boiled into post-war action,

A 1930s initiative was a number of provincial childrens' concerts which moved to London in 1945, with the establishment of the famous series of Ernest Read's Concerts for Children. Likewise their pre-war initiatives in the area of residential training courses crystalised into the establishment of a summer school in 1949.

When Ernest died in 1965 Helen continued on her own as Director of the Ernest Read Music Association for another 12 years, being awarded the OBE in 1973.

She is survived by two daughters and a step-son.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

DEATHS BOYD - On December 15, 1988
Peacefully at home in Devon,
Constance Eveline, widow of
Maurice, and much loved mother of
Elizabeth. Heary and Robert.
Funeral service at Pitton Parish
Church. Barustapie on Thursday
December 29, at noon.Family
flowers only, donations if desired to
Hospice Care Trust (North Devon) 7
New Bulklings. Vicarage Street,
Barnstapie.

BIRTHS

CAMPBELL - On December 23rd. to Sophie (née Hicks) and Roderick, a

BRODRICK - On Christmas Eve, vary peacefully, Alan Ronan Brodrick, DSO, aged 65. Beloved husband of Ann and futher of Stephen. Caroline, Lindy and James. Funeral service at R.C.Church of St. John The Evangelist. Horaham. West Sussex, on Tuesday, January 3 at 2pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Alzheimer's Disease Society, 158/160 Baiham High Road, London SW12 9BN.

COTTEMELL - On December 24th, at home. Beryl, valiant and humourous to like end, in the company of devoted husband and sons. Private cremation being arranged with Chappell & Sons of Orphysion.

FOOT - On November 7th 1988, tragically in a car accident at Nairobi; much loved wife of Kelin and loving mother of Party. Christopher and James. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 21st at 12 noon. St George The Martyr Church, Queen Square, near Great Ormond St. Nearest tube station - Russell Square. Any enquiries, please telephone (0892) 22680.

GOODSON - On December 22nd 1988, peacefully, at his home in Aldeburgh. Suffolk, Graham Holden, aged 79 years, husband of Sybil, Zather of Jill, grandfather of Harriel, Katie and Simon. Funeral Service at Aldeburgh Parist, Church on Friday, December 30th at 11.30am. Flowers to Toop Brown, The Funeral Parlour, Spormundhare.

HANSON - On December 23rd 1988. Bishop Richard P.C. Hanson D.D. M.R.I.A. F.B.A. of Winsslow Cheshire. The beloved and loving husband of Mary, much loved father of Catherine. Daniel. Monica and husband of Mary, much loved faiher of Catherine. Daniel. Monica and Smon. Funeral service on Friday 30th December 1988 at St. Philips Church, Aiderley Edge at 11.30 am, prior to Interment at Aiderley Edge, Cemetery. Family flowers only. donations preferred to Cancer Research Campaign. c/o Prof. Harnden. Paterson Laboratories, Christie Hospital, Manchester 20. All enquiries to Albert R. Stack (Funeral Director) Ltd. Telephone Wilmslow (0625) 525063.

HARGAN - On December 22nd 1988.
Doctor James John KSG Fellow of
the British Medical Association aged
91 years. Loving and beloved
husband of Molly (Doctor Mary H
McLaren) adored and adoring father
and grandfather. Requiem mass at St
Bedes Roman Catholic Church.
Rotherham, on Thursday December
29th at 11.30 am. All enquiries to J
Parkinson & Sons Funeral Directors,
Westgate, Rotherham. Tel 0709
382576

MARTIN - On Christmas Eve peacefully at home with his family after a courageous fight against cancer. Richard Alan Martin. Funeral Trinity Church, Ventnor. on Friday 30th at 12.30. Flowers to A.F.Blake & Son, 1 Martine Parade, Ventnor, list of Wight.

REFART - On Sunday 25th December 1988, peacefully, Mahmoud Refaat of Cairo, Egypt and London, beloved husband of Dorts and father

RICE-JONES - On December 26th very peacefully in her sleep during the afternoon at Hazlewell Nursing the afternoon at Hazlewell Nursing Home, Pubney. Inez Lucia Addison. aged 85 years, widow of the late Arthur Philip Rice-Jones. A greatly admired and individual lady who will be remembered with love and great affection, by Ivor. Moya. Thomas, Matikda, Richard, Philip and Tessa and all her retainons, friends and neighbours. Funeral service at \$1 John the Evangelist, Littlewick Green, near Majdenhead. Berkshire. on Friday 30th December at 11.50cm followed by cremation service at Puzney vale Crematorium, Putney, at 2.15cm. Flowers to J H Kenyon. 49, Marioes Road, London W8 or at the church.

SEMPSON - On December 21 suddenly and tragically, in the air disaster over Scotland, Martin B C, aged 52. Much loved and loving husband of Patricia and dearty loved father of Rachel and David, Deeply mourned also by stolings Anne, John, Bernard, Margaret and family Maureen. Flora, Peler and Annethe. Memorial service at the Queen's Chapet of Savoy, Savoy Street, London WC2, on Friday, January 6 at 20m. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to the Woodward Park School, 50 Prospact Park West, Brooklyn, New York.

WOOD - On Decamber 22nd 1988, peacefully in hospital. Joan, beloved wife of the Rev. George Wood, dearly loved mother of Anne, Helen. Sarah, Ruth and Clare. Service Rustington Parish Church, on Friday December 30th at 11.00am followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations if desired for The United Society For The Propagation Of The Gospel may be sent c/o and all enquiries to F.A.Holland & Son. Terminus Road. Littlehampton, Sussex Tel: (0903) 713939.

FUNERAL SERVICES

BROOKE - The funeral service for Humphrey Brooke will be held at 3pin, Priday 30th December in St Mary's and St Peter's Church. Barham, near pswich followed immediately by commital in the churchyard of St Peter's. Claydon, Ipswich. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Artists General Benevolent Institution. Burtington House, Picaddily, London W1. A memorial service will be held in London later.

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# **University News**

Mr I A Hughes, Reader in Paediatric Endocrinology, De-partment of Child Health, University of Wales College of Medicine and Honorary Consultant Paediatrician, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, Professorship of Paediatrics. Miss K-T Shaw, Senior Reg-

East Anglian Regional Health Authority, has been elected into the Professorship of Clinical Gerontology. Prof C A Wright, William B Bates Professor for the Administration of Justice in the University of Texas at Austin Law School, has been elected

Arthur Goodhart Visiting Pro-fessor in Legal Science for the academical year 1990-91. Mr E J Briscoe has been appointed University Lecturer in the Computer Laboratory from January 1, 1989 for three

The Hamilton Prize 1988: G Woan, Clare College. The Manuel Lopez-Rey Graduate Prize in Criminology, 1988, awarded jointly to M M A Israel. St John's College, R M Jamieson, Wol: N P Strickland,

Trinity College. Frank Smart Studentship 1988-89: R H Averill, Girton College. **University College London** 

Department of Civil Engineering
Senior Fellowships have been awarded by the Science and Engineering Research Council to Professor J M T Thompson, of University College London and Professor P Whittle of

Cambridge University. The Queen's University of Belfast

The Senate at Queen's University has announced the receipt of grants worth more than £275,000 for a wide range of

research projects. The grants come from a number of bodies, including the Hannah Research Institute, the Science and Engineering Re-search Council, ROCHE Vita-min and Chemical Division, the Leverhulme Trust, the British Academy, the Centre for Tropi-

cal Agriculture in Colombia and the John F Kennedy Fund. Among the awards is a grant from the European Community for a collaborative project on DNA photochemistry involving Queen's, Trinity College, Dub-lin and Le Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris. Of the total grant of £190,720, £66,000 will come to Queen's.

APPOINTMENTS Senate also announced several appointments, including those of Mr Simon Francis Lee and Mr Herbert Wallace to Chairs in the Faculty of Law. To a Lectureship in Music: Dr Alan Alexander Marsden.

To a Lectureship in French: Miss Kathryn Janice Car-To Lectureships in Manufacturing Systems Engineering: Mr Paul Kenneth Humphreys and Dr John Fenwick Orr.

DISTINCTIONS The following distinctions were

Honorary Lecturer The title of Honorary Lecturer has been conferred upon the following in recognition of their major contribution to the aca-demic areas concerned: Mr Robin James Davidson in Study.

the qualifications of medical graduates from outside the Brit-

the United Kingdom. Professor Ingrid Allen of the Department of Pathology has been appointed to the Committee on Education, Training and Technology Transfer of the British-Malaysian Society.

Canadian Exchange Award Mr Alf McCreary, the University's Information Director and Head of Information Services, has received a British Council Canadian Exchange Award, one of two such awards in the United Kingdom this year. He will visit McGill University in Montreal, the University of Toronto and the Queen's University of Kingston, Ontario, in 1989 to study the

Dr Donald Davison of the Department of Applied Mathe-matics and Theoretical Physics has been appointed University

Organist. Dr Raymond Greer of the Department of Pure and App-lied Physics has been appointed to the Editorial Board of "Plan-

MEMBERSHIP OF SENATE The following have been elected to membership of the Univer-By the Academic Council:

Professor Desmond Greer and Professor Robin Shanks. By the Non-Professorial Academic Staff Dr William Duncan Mercer and Dr Paul David By Convocation: Dr Joan M C

Senate announced the following gifts to the University: From Honorary Graduate Mr Patrick Collins: a watercolour by his father, George Edward Collins, a notable book illus-

From Mrs M Philip, daughter of the late Sir Frank Montgomery, a former Pro-Chancellor of Queen's: a tablecloth em-broidered in colour with the University's Coat of Arms.

GRANTS Agricultural and

Food Bacteriology Professor A J Holding, £12,000 over one year, from the Hannah Research Institute, to assess ATP photometry as a method of rmining protease activity in

Agricultural Zoology Professor R J Marks, £10,569 from Rhone-Poulenc (Ireland) Lid to assess the incidence of PCN in ware potato ground in Northern Ireland.

Professor J Hendry, £13,500 from Phoenix West Belfast Dev-

elopment Trust Ltd to research consultancy in respect of West Belfast Economic Regeneration

Architecture & Planning

the Department of Psychology, Dr James Francis Magecan in the School of Dentistry and Dr Patrick C H Watt in the the Department of Psychology, Dr James Francis Mageean in the School of Dentistry and Dr Patrick C H Watt in the Department of Pathology. Professor Robin Shanks, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, has been elected by the members of the General Medical Council to membership of its Overseas Committee, for a period of one year. This Committee examines

Biochemistry
Dr R J H Davies and Department of Chemistry Trinity Collement of Chemis

Smith Kline (1982) Foundation for the purchase of materials and consumables to support a ish Isles who wish to practise in study of suppressants of gastric acid release based on the structure of neurotensin/xenopsin C-terminal hexapeptide. Child Health

Mr R Moore, £10,995.59 from the Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys) for ongoing work in Reyes Common Law Mr J D Jackson, £19,950 over 19 months from the Leverhulme

Trust for judging fact in the Diplock Court. Food and Agricultural Dr M K Garrett, £45,000 over three years from The Fertiliser Manufacturers Association Ltd for comparing the effects on nitrate leaching from grazed swards of different levels of Publicity, Public Relations and Information operations in these nitrogen and of grass clover.

History, Modern Dr M J Ingram, £1,663 contribution to project from the British Academy for research into courts, community and conscience 1460-1740: changes the public regulation of

Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Dr R Douglas, £20,000 from the
Ford Motor Company Ltd,
order for simulation work on
the effects of a fluid diode in the etary and Space Science" Pergamon Press.

Dr R Douglas, £20,000 from the Ford Motor Company Ltd, order for a complete evaluation of a single cylinder variable Mycology and Plant Pathology Dr A E Brown, £7,266.64 approximately from the Centre approximately from the Centre for Tropical Agriculture, Colombia, South America to fund part of an AIDAB project entitled "Management of diseases for development of persistent and productive legame based pastures in Australia, Latin America and S E Asia".

Pure and Applied Physics Dr C D McKeith, £1,583 over six months from the Science and Engineering Research Count for observations on the JKT J/0/9: CCD echelle spectro-socopy of OII 7330/7320 doublets in planetary nebulae. Dr P L Dufton, £1,497 over six months from the Science and Engineering Research Council

1/0/22: B-Stars as tracers of galactic abundance gradients. Social Studies Mr J Brewer, £795.81 approximately from the John F Kennedy Fund to study community policing in the United States of

Veterinary Science

Dr S Kennedy, Dr D A Rice, £38,400 over three years from the ROCHE Vitamin and Chemical Division for studies on Vitamin E deficiency and dietetic microangipathy in Wolfson Innovation Centre, Dr D T Parkin, £60,458 from tural and £8,000, fourth and final payment.

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study of angiotensin II receptors on platelets in human pregnancy and their possible role as markers for pregnancy hypertension; Dr M Poliakoff £243,749 from BP International Ltd for supercritical fluids: an environment Dr L Kirk £58,687 from the

British Technology Group for ultrasound foetal monitoring; Dr S M Gardiner and T Bennett £55,203 from Celltech Ltd for a study of the physiological effects of CGRP; Dr S M Gardiner and T Bennett £138.692 from Celltech Ltd for

regional and central hacmodynamic effects of peptides and their analogues; S S Davies, Dr P Williams and Dr M C Davies, £90,901 from the Medical Research Council for oral immunisation against

HIV using particulate polymeric C A Marsden £74,987 from the Medical Research Council for effects of solatin on the development of serotopin neuronal Mr D L Morris and Mrs L G Durrant £72,775 from the Medi-

cal Research Council to establish whether gastrin stimulates the growth of human gastric and colorectal tumours; Dr P Jones £58,999 from the Medical Research Council (via University of Leicester) for an analysis of the domain stucture

of the cytoskeletal protein vinculin and characterization of the vinculin gene;
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mature trees to ozone episodes consequences for vegetative and reproductive growth; Dr D I Pritchard, 214,000 Belgian Francs from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for cloning genes for functional antigens of Ancyclostoma duo-

E C Cocking £116,519 from Overseas Development Administration for studies on rice protoplasts for plant genetic R J Mayer, £341,350 from Pfizer Ltd for the establishment of a

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Dr C T Ennew, £1,100 from the

Potato Marketing Board for a policy model for the British

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Science and Engineering Re-search Council and £123,940 from T I Cox Ltd for a teaching company programme between Nottingham University and T I Cox Ltd; Science and Engineering Council for mechanical properties of soil for earthquake engineering;

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£65,220 from the Science and Engineering Research Council for static strength of unrein-forced tubular joints under combined loading (STR 3); M C Bonney and Ms C M. Haslegrave £100,898 from the Science and Engineering Re-search Council and £122,322 from Leyland Daf Ltd for SERC Teaching Company Programme between Nottingham Univer-

arty and Leyland Daf; B N Whittaker, £51,630 from the Science and Engineering Research Council for the influence of in situ stress field on the stability of mine roadways; S S Davis, Dr M C Davies and Dr P Williams, £59,370 from the Science and Engineering Re-search Council for the selective delivery of drug carriers to bone

Dr J M Chamberlain, Dr F W Sbeard, Dr P J King, Dr G A Toombs, Dr M S Raven and Dr J S LeSurf of St Andrews University, £75,478 from the Science and Engineering Re-search Council for gigahertz applications of LDS structures grown by "NUMBERS";

Dr S F Brown and Dr J M Brunton, £83,435 from the Sci-ence and Engineering Research Council for the behaviour of pavements with lean concrete Dr G Davies and Dr K S Elliott, £54,600 from the Science and Engineering Research Council and £25,700 from Precast Concrete Frame Association for a co-operative award on the effect of moment-rotation behavious

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# Call for law to stop crime paying

By John Winder

The Home Office should produce legislation to prevent crim-inals from making money for themselves or anyone else by writing about their crimes. Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Conservative MP for Listicborough and Saddleworth, said last night. His demand is aimed particularly at the "Moors marderers", lan Brady and Myra Hindley, who carried out crimes in his constituency in the 1960s. He believes that there is a loophole in the present law and is urging that the next Criminal Justice Bill must prevent trust funds being set up to enable anyone benefiting from any royalties from such books. Having heard persistent reports in recent weeks that both Hindley and Brady are prepar-ing memoirs for publication, he believes that, if need be, the law

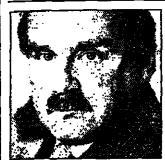
should be changed. Mr Dickens's comments came after Lord Longford, the Labour peer and former minister, who has visited the couple in prison

for more than 20 years, said that he had been discussing literary projects with Brady.

The House of Commons order paper at present carries a Conservative backbench motion, signed by more than 80 MPs, including Mr Dickens, noting "with disgust" the admission by two former CND activists, Pat Pottle and Michael Randle, that they organized the escape from prison of George Blake, the Soviet spy, in 1966. The motion calls for proceedings against

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Part 3: As the excavation of the tumulus in Pilgrin Valley begins in earnest, the chief archaeologist, Mark Clare, and a civil servant, Evangeline Tupper, visit the local farmer, who owns most of the land upon which the project is taking place. Farmer Mint and his son welcome the visitors in their farmhouse, which is over-flowing with history

Evangeline Tupper examines the portraits in the Mints' ancient

"They're all his," Farmer Mint was saying, "Boy Mint's ancestors. He goes back a long way." And in fact these pictures and photo-graphs, which seemed to mark a continuous line of at least three centuries, displayed a succession of faces which bore a striking resemblance to those of the present Mints. "He stretches right back."

"Don't tell me." And, for once, she meant what she said. She thought of her own parents, and their parents before them; they were strangers to her. But somehow worse than strangers. Somehow they were her enemies.

Mark was still looking out of the window, distracted: he thought he had seen a figure standing on top of the tumulus, waving its arms, and, although the impression had lasted only a moment, he was still wondering who it could have been

wholering who it could have been when Evangeline came up to him. 
"It's a marvellous view from here," he said eagerly. "But you know I could have sworn I saw something..." No one seemed very interested, and he began again. "Miss Tupper—"
"Evangeline. I'm always Evangeline. I'm always Evangeline.

Evangeline. I'm always Evan-

geline in the country."
"Evangeline wanted to come and thank you both for being so helpful to us. We're making steady progress now." Farmer and Boy Mint did not seem to understand what he meant. "You know," he said. "With the passage grave. The great mound.'

"Pretty as an absolute picture," Evangeline added.

Farmer Mint had moved across the room and was staring at the photographs and miniatures of his ancestors. He seemed to be paying no attention to this conversation but now he broke in with. "I wouldn't know anything about that." He turned around and faced Mark. "There's no good," he said, in raking over dead soil. You won't find much in that." Mark had heard all this before, and simply shook his head. "Tell him what he will find, Boy. Let your mind wander along that question.

For once Boy Mint did not need several minutes to collect his thoughts. "Sheep's bones," he said at once "Rabbits' teeth. Skeletons of dead birds." It was as if he had memorized this litany. "Cow

Evangeline put up her hand and

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interrupted him. "I don't think that I have ever spent a nicer or more informative afternoon." Boy was continuing with his list under his breath as she continued. "I'm positively stuffed with rustic

towards the door, opened it and stepped out on the path. Three hens, who had been peacefully browsing amongst some ancient straw, started a chorus of protest and scuttled into the hedge. "I wonder," she asked the Mints as they followed her down the path. "If you fed them chicken, would they become savages?" She did not wait for their answer. "Good-

And as they return to Pilgrin Valley from the farmhouse, Mark tells Évangeline a story.

I was on a field trip in Peru. Beyond the rain forest, they said, was an ancient settlement. And so we set off at dawn. It was like entering a dream. Everything was too large - the stumps of dead trees covered by moss, the creep-ers which trailed down like the strings of huge kites, the plants which seemed to grow both upward and downward so that there was no room for us to pass between, the slender trunks of trees which seemed to rise for ever, the fronds opening out in front of us - and everything was too green, too vivid. It was as if we a forest in a story book, and at any moment giants were going to part the leaves and peer at us. And you know how in an English forest you can feel the peacefulness of its age? How centuries of quiet have entered it like a mist? There was nothing of that in the rain forest. It was so vivid that it might just have sprung into life, and you could tell as you walked that it would never change, never grow old. It would always be too bright. And the smell - the smell was not soothing, not the smell of decay, but the rank smell of things newly born. And I thought, how could ancient ruins exist in such a place? Of

course I was wrong . . . We had reached a crest above a

Farmer Mint approved of this.
"That's right," he said. "He'll stuff you with it. He won't stop."
"And neither must we." This seemed to Evangeline a very graceful farewell and, smiling triumphantly at Mark, she walked

bye. You Mints just keep on being adorable. Like your delightful ancestors. Goodbye."

had wandered into the drawing of

huge valley and, when I looked across in the direction my guide was pointing, I saw a wide plateau of rock upon the other side of the valley. "Do you see them now?" he asked me and, as my eyes grew accustomed to the dark grey expanse, I saw tall standing stones behind the plateau. They were in a circle and there, in the centre, I could see an earthwork. It might have been a turnulus like the one in our valley but it was bigger, much bigger, and the summit of it had been flattened as if by some giant hand. "You see there," the

ruide said. "You see clearly now?" He pointed at the great earth mound, "This is the place. Here it was in sacred times that men used to fly." I asked him what he meant. "I thought," he said, "that you saw it clearly." Then he chuckled. "They would fly from the great hill. They would fly from

out of the circle into the sky." And, you know, Miss Tupper, it was a circle just like this one. Just like the circle here in Pilgrin

There are other visitors in the area Joey Hanover, an ageing comic, and his wife, Floey, who have come with a specific purpose. The old man in the straw hat and

pink blazer was sitting on an outcrop of dark grey rock, singing softly to himself.

Only to see the old cottage again! How my poor heart would

To see the old faces I loved And to hear my poor mother's

His voice trailed off, and he started humming instead, when an elderly woman with difficulty crossed the stony beach to join

"Honest, Joey," she said. "Never again. Not for all the money in China."

"Tea, dear."

"I don't care what it is. It's still my poor feet." She was wearing k, too, this rather dried-up little old woman with her white hair carefully crafted into bunches

'I remember purple flowers. And there were faces, too. White faces like the faces of angels. It's a dream. Do you know what I mean? Except that this dream is somewhere close to hand'

of tight white curls; and her voice was husky, as if she had a permanently sore throat.

"But, Floey, don't you enjoy your morning promenade? In a lovely spot like this?" He smiled and tipped his straw hat at a conventionally jaunty angle, al-though his face retained its somewhat lugubrious expression.

"It's a mute point," she said. 'Moot'

"It's debatable." She put out her hand and helped him up from the rock. "We have no call to be here in the first place. On a wild duck

He laughed. "Do you remember that old song. Floey. For the sake of the days gone by"?"

"Sung in a mysterious way?"
"That's the one." They were now walking arm in arm along the strand, the reflected light from the sea making the stones shine in front of them. "I'm here for the sake of my days gone by. I'm a thing of the past, old dear." "Don't go on about it, Joey."

"I just want to know what my past is. Or was." He stopped and looked out at the sea. It was at low tide, and stretching down towards it from the exposed shore were flat outcrops of dark slate. From this distance they seemed smooth, as if they had been polished by the endless movement of water, but when Joey Hanover came closer he saw how they were marked with small holes and grooves. He was a large and apparently ungainly man, but with a sudden graceful gesture he leapt onto the surface of the slate and began to walk across

"Joey! Break a leg!" Floey laughed at the silhouette of her husband, in straw hat and pink blazer, nonchalantly standing in front of the bright waves. In response he kicked one leg in the air, tried to make a twiri, slipped and fell upon the slate; but he could not have been seriously hurt, since immediately his attention was drawn to something lying upon the rock beside him. He picked it up, waved it above his head and shouted something, but the sound of the slowly advancing sea drowned his words.

"I've got something here," he said when he returned, slightly breathless, "which is thousands of

"One of your jokes?" "Don't mock, Floey. Take a

He held a piece of rock towards her and, wrinkling her nose in apparent disgust, she examined the spiral shape of a snail-like creature embedded in the stone. "Is it dead then?"

"Of course it's dead. Things that old don't come to life again.'

"Don't be so sure." The shape of this thing, curled in its last primeval sleep, reminded her of the image of a star, its various gases spiralling around a tiny central core. "It's one of them mammonites," she said at last. "Is that the right word?

Mammonite?" Joey was accustomed to his wife's little mistakes with the language.
She gave him a look of utter

contempt. "Of course I'm sure. I read about them."

"So," he said. "That's solved that, then. They're all digging for mammonites." The Hanovers had been puzzled by the presence on St Gabriel's Shore of five or six people, clutching buckets and small hammers, who had been clambering along the cliff-face. In fact this coastal region was famous for the wealth and variety of its ammonite fossils which, after a period of long rain, were often dislodged from the crumbling clay and limestone or washed down on to the beach itself. So portions of the fossil-bearing beds sometimes lay among the debris and the fallen rock at the base of the cliffs, remnants of the delicate creatures who had moved across the surface of this place 140 million years be-

The Hanovers walked further along the shore. Floey hanging back for a few moments while she placed the ammonite in her bright yellow handbag. When she caught up with him, she resumed the theme of their previous conversation. "And what good does it do to come back," she asked him, "after all these years? The past is past and buried. Why go digging it up

again?"
"I have to know the truth.
Before I die." She was about to interrupt him, but he held up his hand to stop her. "I mean it, Flo. Before I die." "Joey — "

"How would you feel? You would want to know, wouldn't you? You would want to find out, All these years I've been thinking about it, wondering making plans. "Then he began to laugh at his own earnestness and, taking off his straw hat, put it to his chest with a theatrical gesture. "Oh Floey, I can't forget the days when I was young."

"And grief too keen to talk about was thine?" She knew the

song.
"The Lyceum, Wolver-hampton, 1946." "Sung with immense success?"

"That's right! We were a suc-cess, weren't we?" Joey sighed. They carried on walking, hand in hand, and once more he returned to the subject which had never left his mind. "I know it was somewhere near here. As soon as we came here, I remembered. There was a cottage with a garden. I remember purple flowers. And there were faces, too. White faces like the faces of angels. It's a dream. Do you know what I mean? Except that this dream is somewhere close to hand. And I have a feeling. Flo. I have a feeling that I'm just about to find it."

A mist had gathered above the cliffs and, now that the wind had dropped, it began to curl downwards in wreaths towards the debris of the fossil beds. Someone had lit a fire on the strand, and its smoke rose into the mist until it became a part of it. The sea was quiet and, for a moment, Joey Hanover felt afraid. "Come on," he said. He took his wife's arm and, as they returned to their car. he began to sing out in a loud voice.

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TOMORROW: VISITOR IN THE NIGHT

Sir Richard Attenborough tells Andrew Billen why the film biography of Charlie Chaplin is so important to him

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between Sir Richard Attenborough and Charlie Chaplin, the subject of his forthcoming movie. Both came from England and, graduating from acting to directing, became associated with liberal, not to say left-wing, movie making. Both made it big in Hollywood.

into the poverty of Victorian Kennington and arrived in California a near illiterate. Attenborough's home in Leicester, on the other hand, was wealthy enough to allow his parents to take in refugees. He is self-taught but, at 65, seems to have made a thorough job of it. And whereas Chaplin was a four-times-married philanderer, after 43 years Attenborough is still wed to Sheila Sim, who, he explained when the stewardess offered him a salad, would have supper waiting for

Chaplin, however, was born

him at home in Richmond. He was returning from the Brussels launch of the European Script Development Fund, a brave scheme dreamt up by the European Commission to fight the increasing American colonization of European cinema and television. Already chairman of Channel 4, the British Film Institute, the British Screen Advisory Council and Capital Radio, he has been appointed chairman of the fund, too, and has pulled off a minor coup in locating its headquarters in the community's least enthusiastic partner, Britain, Even at the European press conference, however, one German iournalist wanted to know instead about Chaplin, The Movie.

At the formal lunch that followed, Attenborough was more willing to elaborate. Within sentences his voice and enthusiam were soaring. "Chaplin was lit-erally the world's first famous man. When he stood on the balcony of the Ritz on a visit in the early 1920s he brought Piccadilly to a standstill. And he got the same reaction in the States," he said. "He created Hollywood. Without Chaplin, Hollywood today would be a collection of beach huts."

Attenborough, a reckless squeezer of thighs and linker of arms regardless of their gender, then blew a kiss in the direction of Diana Hawkins, his marketing director. This was not the gesticulatory non sequitur it seemed. As much as it is his, the Chaplin

project belongs to Hawkins (whom he calls by her maiden name, Carter). With a break for a failed marriage, she has worked with him for 30 years and has now, for the first time, written a treatment for one of his films.

"It was her idea to do Chaplin. It's her dream as well as mine," he explained, somewhere over the English Channel. "She knows much more about him than I do and she is writing the first draft of the screenplay."

Attenborough has obtained exclusive rights to Chaplin's biography, archives and films from his widow. Oona. Until now she had effectively exercised a veto over a biopic, because under American law she has to grant permission for her own screen portrayal. At this stage she is being paid only a nominai sum for a huge bundle of



Chaplin enthusiast: Sir Richard

rights, presumably because she trusts the indelicacies of her husband's life with the director of Gandhi and Cry Freedom. She already owns Chaplin's

early short films, many not shown for 60 years, and the rights to his major movies - City Lights, The Gold Rush, The Great Dictator revert to her in two years. This will spare Attenborough the task of finding an actor who can replicate Chaplin's screen genius: when we see Chaplin take a knife and fork to his boots, we will be watching the tramp himself.

The problem of casting the man behind the moustache remains. Torn between a star name or an unknown, in the fashion of Ben Kingsley and Gandhi, he has already ruled out one name, Tommy Steele, perhaps Chaplin's greatest British admirer. He added it would be "arrant stupidity" not to involve Oona. Chaplin, he says, is no subject for

hagiography. From what I have

heard he could be a bitch to work with because of his perfectionism. However, in terms of his relationship with his wife and children he was immensely alluring. He adored her."

The film is one of three which Attenborough has agreed to make in a \$75 million index-linked deal with Universal Pictures. Having bought the research

work on a movie about the Victorian explorer Sir Richard Burton, from the actress Edana Romney, he last year employed William Goldman, his writer on A Bridge Too Far and Magic, to script a \$25 million adaptation. Then the writers' strike was called and Goldman had to stop. At this point another writer, Bob Ralpherson, went to Carolco Films with an already completed script on the same subject, budgeted at just \$10 million. The makers of Rambo leapt at the chance.

When the strike ended, Attenborough turned to his other idea, a film about the 18th-century radical Thomas Paine, and hired Trevor Griffiths to do the screenplay. He has now heard that the Disney studios have embarked on a similar project, directed by and starring Richard Dreyfuss.

Attenborough flies to see Tom Pollock, the head of Universal, in January, for a decision on whether to go with Paine or with Burton. Only after one or other is made

will he start on Chaplin. Attenborough will not allow himself to think Dreyfuss will press ahead: "Trevor has been researching Paine for a year now, and I have been working on it for

been living with since my father gave me a copy of the Rights of Man, when I was about 17." His father, a don who wrote the

standard work on Anglo-Saxon law, has much to answer for. When Dickie was nine he took him to see a classic movie. London's city lights now beneath us, Attenborough momentarily stopped playing the great director and became the kid: "I haven't seen it for years but I could recite The Gold Rush to you even now, scene by scene. If you really want to go back, it was Chaplin who made me want to act."



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# **WEDNESDAY PAGE**

# Making room at the inn

There are 4,000 homeless people living on London's streets. Anne McElvoy

meets a charity group that braves drunks, drug addicts and violence to bring them a little Christmas cheer

hristmas is the best and the worst of times to be on the streets of London. There is the prospect of free Christmas hunch at a charity shelter and passers-by tend to be a little freer with their

But Christmas also reminds the homeless of what they have lost: their families and security. There is no such ambivalence about January. "It's cold, it stinks and everyone's mean," says Bill, who will see this New Year in like the six before - on the Embankment.

The motley crew which piles tea-urns and trays of sandwiches into the Simon Community's van at half past four in the morning will continue to do so after our brief generosity has faded. The charity's daily breakfast run, from its Hackney base to the streets and parks of the capital, home to London's 4,000 itinerant homeless, continues regardless of the

Vic is an alcoholic, a former Royal Navy man; Edwin has lived rough all over the country for 14 years after being thrown out of the army; Alan is a schizophrenic heroin addict with a commuted life sentence for murder in his native Scotland and a life of drink. drugs and violence behind him. The streets have left their mark on all of them, their faces are randomly lined and rubbery, their eyes watchful.

The Simon Community, the charity set up in 1963 to help London's homeless, is the last resort for people like Alan if they are not to end up back on the streets. He needs the support of communal living to prevent a relapse into depression and addiction.

Largely dependent on private donations, it has three London houses and a farm in Kent to accommodate a fraction of the people that other organizations consider beyond help. The farm is a temporary escape for those whose morale and health have been shattered on the streets. A spell there can be the first step towards rehabilitation or, equally valuable, perhaps the first break from grimy hardship in 20 years. In the fractious but supportive

shelter at King's Cross live men and women whose alcoholism, mental illness and sheer bloodymindedness make them the despair of any number of social

Other guests come for short stays when they can no longer stand the streets - disturbed, ill, violent and desperate. They are treated with the respect denied them on the pavement, share accommodation and meals with the workers and help to run the shelter. There is no attempt to



A shoulder to lean on: helper Trixi Schlemmer, left, with two of the overnight guests at the Simon Community night shelter at King's Cross

cure or change the guests, drunks are allowed in, but drink is not.

"It is a complete muddle at times," says Laura Baker, aged 22, who has just finished a course in business studies in Bournemouth. Together with Trixi Schlemmer, a 19-year-old student from Frankfurt, and as many volunteers as can be mustered, she staffs the King's Cross night shelter which has 22 beds for emergencies. More than double that number turn up on an average night asking for a

Laura has the task the Simon Community dreads most: turning away people because a more desperate need might crawl in later or be picked up half frozen by a worker on the evening street

She recently spent a weekend with her parents and is visibly distressed by how alienated from middle-class society her work is making her. "After a while here everything seems normal except

normality. You can't react to anything any more and home seemed so bland. Violence can happen here at any time." She indicates the remnants of a dinner on the ceiling. "I was feeling a bit upset last night," says Graham, the young Scot whose meal it was.

il of the workers dress from the stock of donated clothes and receive £10.30 a week - calculated as the amount that a homeless person living in the shelter would have. During their volunteer period, they live in the Simon Community's houses,

alongside the homeless. Physical contact is encouraged between workers and those on the street. First-time volunteers say the most difficult aspect of their training is bringing themselves to touch or even hug a grimy alcoholic. "Food and tea are not the most important thing that we

offer, you always get those if you're down and out. We want to give what other people don't offer the homeless — a little friendship and human warmth," says Hans, a 21-year-old German working as a volunteer for six months before going to university. He shows the strain of working

with permanent failure. "It isn't possible to put right in a night what people have suffered for years, but the temptation to try is still strong. You cannot really help someone who has lost everything, but perhaps you can make him lough or just make him feel model." laugh or just make him feel good for a while," he says.

The breakfast run begins in Lincoln's Inn Fields at five o'clock. The volunteers pick their way through meths bottles to offer tea and sandwiches and proceed to Temple, the Embankment and the cardboard metropolis beneath the

Royal Festival Hall. At the end, the group huddles together for safety as it enters an

underground car park at Euston, called the Ramp, a grim under-world that is the last resort for advanced alcoholics and drug addicts who do not stir from their coffin-like cardboard boxes to respond to the offer of tea or even cigarettes.

The Simon Community is one of the few to brave the stench, pollution and violence endemic here. "There is nothing that we can do but it is important that these people know we are there for them too," Hans says. "In my first few weeks I could not sleep. I was exhausted, but never sleepy. Every night I saw the faces of the streets in front of me. I have never reached my own limits before in

At the King's Cross night shelter, Trixi and Laura clean bathrooms, avert violence and put drunks to bed as a matter of course. "It is an advantage being a girl," says Laura. "You're less likely to get punched, but when

this way.

'We want to give what other people don't offer the homeless friendship and human warmth'

PAUL LOVELACE

people are really drunk, they'll hit anything. I've learnt to dodge

quite well." Trixi's well-to-do parents were horrified at the thought of their daughter living with down-andouts. "I try to explain in my letters that they are warm people, but they are used to walking past people like that at home on the

ouise Panton, a BBC producer, spent two months on the streets with the Simon Community and slept rough more than once to prepare her documentary Street Stories, to be shown tomorrow night. "On the one hand I found many people out there who say 'I'm happy in my box' and enjoy the freedom and companionship of the streets, but also too many people, especially the young and the mentally ill, who should not be there. They are constantly at risk and too vulnerable to cope."

The obvious success stories are people like Alan, Vic and Edwin who have made the great leap from the addictive lure of the street. They now turn their experience of street life to guide the young volunteers whose life hitherto has been spent within four tasteful walls. But it is the slow, unrewarding work of caring on skid row that is the Community's bread and butter.

At the morning breakfast meeting in King's Cross, the talk is of the public's attitudes towards the homeless. "We're a blight on their day, they scurry past like rabbits." says one overnight guest who observes the commuting crowd daily from his home on the Embankment. "Can't blame them," replies his neighbour, who cannot remember how he ended

up in the shelter last night. "Four years ago, when I had a job and a family, I would have thought 'What a disgusting old tramp'. Now I am one," he says. • Street Stories will be broadcast on BBC2 tomorrow at 9pm.

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ersonal reaction to Bar bara Amiel's comments on the Sunday Telegraph article "The Jews and Mrs Thatcher" (Friday Page, December 16) is "Vive la différence!"

Of course Jews are different; just as within the United Kingdom the Welsh, Irish and Scots are different from the English.

Mrs Thatcher clearly admires some of the qualities and characteristics of the Jews their determination to ignore

their ambition, willingness to work hard, enjoyment of material rewards tempered by a fundamental religious and spiritual requirement to share such rewards with the less

Among the many historical and religious explanations of anti-semitism there is the old Stalinist criticism of Jews as cosmonolitan. That is surely a virtue, the concept of the brotherhood of man expanded from the necessary brother-

hood of Jews, whatever their nationality. Martin White. National

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In her report ("Escaping the debts of despair", Monday Page, December 19), Peta Levi rightly points out that finan-cial advice is available from Citizens Advice Bureaux. While we welcome the init-

noting that all CABs will give financial advice and many have specially trained workers who deal with complex debt

In addition, there are now several CAB Money Advice Support Units (including one in Greater Manchester) which concentrate on helping people manage their financial burdens, prepare financial statements, make equitable arraugements with creditors, and

the country's class structure, their ability to benefit from the up an independent self-help cial worker was told by a CAB pport group, it is worth that he "ought to have known better" is surprising and was surely quoted out of context.

> The CAB service is completely impartial and nondgemental, and its aims of ensuring that individuals do not suffer through ignorance of their rights and responsibilities or of the services available or through an inability to express their needs eff-ectively" is taken seriously by all who work within the

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#### Tiny trees

The British are, apparently, going bonkers about bonsai, the stunted trees loved by the Japanese. They start at about £15 for a tiny tree and Harrods has an impressive selection, including lovely jasmine tea trees at £35-£40. Books and kits are available for those who prefer to grow their own from scratch. Most good florists now sell several varieties of dwarf trees, which may require reporting, but all bonsai trees demand regular pruning and daily watering from the roots, as well as spraying of the leaves - a lot of attention

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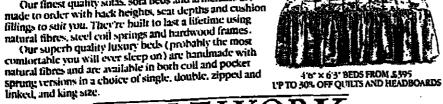
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A round-up of news, views and information

shoes and strappy gold and silver sandals from Italian designers for those who want to put their best foot forward even if it is larger than average. The British Footwear Manufacturers Federation receives many desperate letters from people searching for stylish large shoes - particularly for teenagers — and Magnus receives many referrals. So it is increasing its selection of shoes and boots with a youthful appeal, as well as offering golf and other specialist foot-

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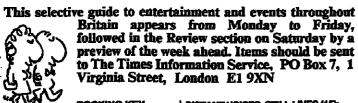
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**BOOKING KEY** ☆ Seats available ★ Returns only

#### THEATRE

LONDON

★ MRS KLEIN: Transfer from NT of Nicholas Wright's engrossing play about parentage and childhood, as found in the home life of Melanie Klein. Superb the nome are of Mesanie Rieff. Superperformances by Gillian Barge, Zoe Wanamaker, Francesca Arinis. Apollo Thearine, Shaftesbury Ave W1 (01-437 2663). Tube Piccadiliy Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm. Mat Sat 4.30-

A WALK IN THE WOODS: Alec Guinness returns to the stage as a countest status on the stage as a cynical Russian negotiator at a Geneva conference table.

- Comedy Theatre, Panton St., SWI (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadiliy Circus.

Tues-Sat, 8-10pm. Mats Wed 3-5pm and Sat 4-6pm. 24-£15.

A CANDIDE: Christmas treat: Leonard Bernstein's tune-packed musical, part opera, part Broadway; with Mark Beudert, Marilyn Hill Smith, Nickolas

Grace. Old Vic Theatra, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30-10pm, Sat 7.45-10.15pm; mats Wed 2.30-5pm and Sat 4-6.30pm. £8-

☆ CAN-CAN: Uninspired revival of Cole Porter's Cole Porter's Paris musical. Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat 3pm. 26.50-219.50.

☆ THE SECRET OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: Jeremy Brett and Edward Hardwicke in a new adventure by Jeremy Paul, directed by Patrick Garland.

Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-867 1116). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 5.30pm and 8.30pm, mat Wed, 3pm, £5.50-£13.90. **☆ THE SNEEZE:** Marvellously funny

th THE SNEEZE: Marvellously furmy and vaned Chekhov/Frayn pieces, eight in all: Rowan Atkinson, Timothy West and Cheryl Campbell in peak form. Directed by Ronald Eyre.

Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404/0641). Tube: Holborn/Temple/Charing Cross/Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 5pm and 8.30pm; mat Wed 3pm. £5-£15.

☆ SMELLING A RAT: New Mike Leigh comedy devised with the help of the cast who include Saskia Reeves and cast who include Saskia Neeves and Timothy Spall.
Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage, NW3 (01-722 9301). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8pm; Mats Sat 4.30pm, and today only 3pm. Mon 25; Tues to Fri and Sat mats £6.50; Sat eves 27.50.

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LONG RUNNERS: ☆ Beyond
Reasonable Doubt: Queen's Theatre
(01-734 1166) ... ☆ Cats: New London
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7913) ... ☆ Les Misserables: Palace
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Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre (01-836
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Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839
2244) ... ☆ Run for your Wife:
Cmerion Theatre (01-867
1117) ... ☆ Startight Express: Apollo
Victoria (01-828 8685)

#### FILMS

Also on national release 2 Advance booking possible ■ BIG (PG): Tom Hanks plays the child turned grown-up in this latest role-reversal comedy from Hollywood. Penny Marshall directs. (105 min). Cannon Cheisen (01-352 5096). Progs 1.45, 4.40, 7.10, 9.30. Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.

DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES (15): Terence Davies's remarkable new film set in Liverpool in the 1940s and '50s a moving exercism of family ghosts, ingeniously set to popular music. With Freda Dowle and Peter Positerthwaite (85 min).

Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 1.20, 3.15, 5.10, 7.10, 9.10.

MIDNIGHT RUN (15): Engaging comedy-thriller, with Robert de Niro as a bounty hunter given the job of taking a sensitive bail-jumping accountant cross-country. With Charles Grodin; directed by Martin

Prest (126 min). Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.05, 9.15. Empire Laicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 4.05, 6.45, 9.20.

SCROOSED (PG): Seasonal comedy featuring Bill Murray as the TV executive determined to exploit Christmas to the full. Directed by Richard Donner. (101

non Baker St (01-935 9772). Progs Cannon Batter St (01-935 9772). Ptt 2.30, 5.30, 8.15. Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00. Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Pr Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 1.05, 3.30, 5.55, 8.25.

WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT (PG): WHO FRANCED HOGSEN RABBAT (HG): Energetic mixture of cartoons and real life. Ace animation director Richard Williams supplies a frantic array of "toon" characters, headed by Roger Rabbit. Bob Hoskins plays the dishevelled gurnshore, Eddie Valiant.

dishevelled gumshore, Eddie Vallant. (104 min). Barbican (01-638 8891). Progs 3.00, 6.00, 8.15 (today only). Odeon Leicester Sq (01-930 6111). Progs 12.45, 3.30, 8.10, 8.50. Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6844). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30. Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.45. Mat today 11.15am. Cannon Cheisen (01-352 5096). Progs Cannon Cheisen (01-352 5096).

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WILLOW (PG): Costly medieval fantasy from George Lucas, about an evil queen's reign of terror and an earnest midget's mission to save the infant princess. Directed by Ron Howard: with Val Kitmer, Joanne Whalley, Warwick Dayls (156 min). Davis. (126 min). Empire (01-437 1234). Progs 12-30, 3.10, 6.00, 8.40. non Baker St (01-935 9772). Progs 2.20, 5.10, 8.05. Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 8.00, 9.05.

#### CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

TELEMANN TUNES: Telemann's Ihr TELEMARK TUNES: Telemann's in Gerechten, freut euch Herrn Cantate is performed by the Lecosald Ensemble, followed by Bach's Von Himmel hoch Variations. As ever, Peter Lea-Cox conducts. St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham St, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-

#### **EVENING**

REED/RPO: Mendelssohn's Hebrides MEED/MPC: Mendessorm's Faciness Overture, Mozart's Eine kleine Nachtmusik, Grieg's Plano Concerto (Sara Wolfensohn, soloist) and Beethoven's Symphony No 5 are all heard from the Royal Philinamonic Orchestra under Michael Reed. Barbican Centre, Sik St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm; 26.50-£14.

#### DANCE

\* THE NUTCRACKER: Two performances today of Peter Schaufuss's production for London Festival Ballet. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 3-5.15pm

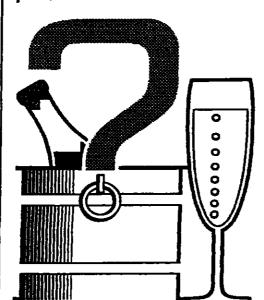
# **CHARADES**

#### DAY THREE

This is the third part of Charades, a simple game to test your knowledge of the arts each day of Christmas week. There are four questions a day - and for five winners there will be a case of Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial 1983 champagne, worth £186, delivered to the door.

● Charades ends on Saturday, when the questions will be repeated and entry details will be given. For now, simply fill in the answers, cut them out and keep them.

 Answers to the Books, Theatre and Opera questions will be names of characters. The answer to the Cinema question will be the name of a film.



#### STORE

"He didn't seem to have any feet at all. He just streamed in. He had a grave, sympathetic face, as if he, too, knew what it was to sup with the lads . . ." And to Bertie, he was a gentleman's gentleman.

Happy as Larry? Hardly; in fact, this whitetaced entertainer was sadly disillusioned in Fifties Britain

A cheerfully obese operatic character who dried out from a ducking with the help of mulied wine.

The film in which Hal the computer is disconnected while It is singles "Daisy, Balsy, give me your answer do"?

#### MOET & CHANDON

and 7:30-9.45pm; 25-£17, half price for children with adults.

☆ QISELLE: Peter Wright's production for Sadier's Wells Royal Ballet. Sadier's Wells Theetre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-9.30pm; £3.50-£19.



When the lists of outstanding British saxophonists are drawn up, Alan Barnes (above) tends to be overlooked. Nevertheless, the Humphrey Lyttelton sideman has produced some of the sharpest performances of the past year. He is in action again tonight at the Pizza Express, Soho (see listings), at the head of his well-drilled quartet. A former member of the Tommy Chase Band, he is equally at home outside the hard bop idiom, and regularly performs pieces inspired by such old masters as Coleman Hawkins.

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#### JAZZ

A NIGHT AT THE COTTON CLUB: First of two non-consecutive nights of nostalgia from the trad revivalists Harlem, plus the Jiving Lindyhoppers and guests. Queen Elizabeth Half, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £10-£12; also Fri.

ALAN BARNES: See caption. Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722), 9.30pm; ring for BOMB & DAGGER: The sextet takes its

inspiration from such Afro-jazz pioneers as Dudu Pukwana.
Four Bars Inn, Castle Street, Cardiff (0222 374962), 8.30pm, £1.

**GEORGE MELLY: Good Time George** approaches the end of his annual residency. Support is from the house restora...y. company, company, company, company, company, control of the control

#### **OPERA**

\* SEMELE: Revival of John Copley's luxuriant Handel production for the title role for the first time at Covent Garden, and Anthony Rolfe Johnson makes his house debut as Jupiter. Sir Charles Mackerras conducts. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1065), 7-10.30pm; £2.50.£59.

handsome and with G & S Production for Scottish Opera dominates the festive season in Glasgow. Theatre Royal Glasgow (041-331 1234), 2.15-5.15pm and 7.15-10.15pm; 23-223.

#### ROCK

BROS: An outrageously successful run of hits will ensure that they go down as the foremost teenybop phenomenon of

1988. Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234), 7.30pm, £9.50; also tomorrow and Friday.

LINDISFARNE: Grizzled Fog On The Tyre Geordies press on with their usual string of Northern Christmas dates. Sheffield City Hell, Barkers Pool (0742 735295), 7.30pm, £6-£8. GARY GLITTER: Still the gloriously camp leader of rock's pantomima tendency.

BIC, Exeter Road, Bournemouth (0202)

#### 297297), 8pm, £7.50. GALLERIES

LONDON ILLUSTRATED: Recent views towbon iLLUSTRATED: Recent views of the capital by British painters as stylistically diverse as John Bellany, Edward Bawden and Leon Kossoff. The main body of the show, however, comprises drawings submitted by the eight finalists for the Gordon Praser/Museum of London Award of Reportage.

Reportage. Reportage. Research of London, London Wall, EC2 (01-600 3699), Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm (open New Year's Day, closed Mon), free, until Feb 12.

KAFFE FASSETT: Works by a major knitting and textile designer.
Victoria & Albert Museum, Cromwell
Road, London SW7 (01-938 8500), Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, free,
until Jan 8.

HANNAH COLLINS: Large photo-works of evocative interiors. Large pricto-works of evocative interiors. Institute of Commisporary Arts, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647), daily, 12-8pm, 75p, until Feb 12.

THE FALKLANDS FACTOR: Paintings, prints, photographs, cartoons and collages inspired by the 1982 war. City Art Gallery, Mosley Street, Manchester (061 236 9422), daily, 10am-5,45pm, Sun 2-5,45pm, free, until Jan

PANORAMANIA: A history of panoramic scene painting since its beginnings in the 18th Century.
Berbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, Salk Street, London EC2 (01-638-8891), Mon-Sat 10am-6.45pm, Sun 12-5.45pm, £3.50, until Jan 15.

RUBENS: Paintings, drawings and prints. Courteuid Institute Galleries, Woburn Square, London WC1 (01-580 1015). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, £1.50, until Feb 12.

ART IN THE MAKING: Technical Investigations of 20 Rembrandts, revealing the Dutch master's working methods. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until January 17.

#### FOR CHILDREN

POP ART: Peter Blake bases about riss own work and that of other pop artists; for 11 to 16-year-olds. Also tomorrow, tour of paintings by great pop artists, for 13-year-olds and under. Tate Gailery, Milbank, London SW1. Talk, Spm. tickets £1 from Education Dept (01-828 1456). Tour, 11.30am from the orbitate free.

THROUGH THE LANTERN GLASS: THROUGH I ITE LAN LERN GLASS: Victorian entertainment for children. Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood Cambridge Heath Road, London E2; today, tomorrow, 2-3pm. (Reserve tickets on 01-980 3204.)

THE SNOW MAN: Howard Blake conducts his award-winning Welking the Air, The Nursery Rhyme Overture and other music. Johnny Morns
narrates the *Up and Down Man*.
Berbican Hall, Barbican Centre, London
EC2 (01-638 8891), 30m. Tickets
bookable, adults £6.50-£9.50;
reductions for under-16s.

BRITISH MUSEUM FILM: A film about the discovery of Lindo Man. British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1555), 3.30pm, **GAINSBOROUGH AND COUNTESS** 

HOWE: Today, slide talk about Gainsborough's portrait of Countess Howe, Tomorrow, slide talk about nowe, romorrow, side talk about Gainsborough's paintings at Kenwood and a musical event in the afternoon (bring your own instrument), Quizzes and worksheets both days. Suitable for seven-yeer-olds and over.
Kenwood House, Iveagh Bequest, Hampstead Lane, London NW3 (01-348 1286) Inglay 10 348n-12 https://doi.org/10. 1286), today 10.30em-12, tomorrow 10.30em-12 and 2pm, free.

**LONDON TRANSPORT EVENTS: Ride** control incomposite EVENTS: Fide on large-scale models of the famous '38 stock Underground trains.

London Transport Museum, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-379 6344).
Today, temorrow, 10am-6pm; adult 22.40, child £1.10.

EVENTS IN THE ROYAL PALACES: At Hampton Court today and terriorrow, events inspired by tapestries in the Tudor room. At Kensington Palace Both palaces, 10.30em-12.30pm and 1.30-4pm. Events free. Admission to Hampton Court, adult 22.80, child £1.40; Kensington Palace, adult £2.60, child £1.30. (Further details from the Education Service, 01-2767 3745.)

EASTLEIGH CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION: Hampshire Downland Sheep and Christmas Lamb exhibition. Eastleigh Museum, Eastleigh, Hants (0703 643026), until Mon.

THE HOGARTH PUPPETS: Famous Colchester Castle, Colchester, Essex, Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm; until

#### OTHER EVENTS

KIDDERMINSTER ANNUAL ANTIQUES KUDUERMINSTER ANNUAL ANTIQUES FAIR: Dealers from all over Britain sell mainly pre-1890 antiques. Gainsborough House Hotel, Bewdley Road, Kidderminster, Worcester, 2-8pm.

#### WINTER SALES

HARVEY NICHOLS, Knightsbridge, SWI (01-235 5000) Today for a month BLADES, 8 Surfington Gardens, Savile Row, W1 (01-734 8911) Today-Jan 31

COLES, 131 Sigane Street, SWI (01-730) 7564) Today-Jan 31

HILDITCH & KEY, 37 and 73 Jermyn Street, SW1 (01-734 4707) Today for a month MIDAS, 27a Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 7329) and branches nationwide

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Ladbroke Grove, W10 (01-229 1947) Today-Jan 30

LAURA ASHLEY, 183 Sloane Street, SW1 (01-235 9726) and branches Today for two weeks

LIGNE ROSET, 130 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-434 2071): 57 Western Road, Hove, Sussex (0273 722929) Today-Jan 31 BLUTHNERS, 47 Conduit Street, W1 (01-439 1166) Today-Jan 31 BOLTON: LEWIS'S, Oxford Street (0204

Until end Jan CANTERBURY: RICEMANS, St

George's Lane (0227 766866) Until Jan 21 LEEDS: LEWIS'S, The Headrow (0532 431313) Undi Jan 31

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(061 832 3414) Until Jan 31 OXFORD: FENWICK, St Ebbes Street (0865 722277) Until Jan 31

> BOOKINGS FIRST CHANCE

BACH ORGAN RECITALS: Six organ recitals devoted to J.S. Bach, including Peter Hurford, Colin Andrews and Plet

Kee.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank,
London SET (01-928 8800),
Wednesdays at 5.55pm, Feb 1-March 8.
Advance booking open. General
booking from Jan 3/4.

BLACKHEATH CONCERT HALLS: Salomon String Quartet plays all Seethoven Opus 18 Quertets; with works by Haydn and Bishop. Blackheath Concert Halls, 23 Lee Road, London SE3 (01-463 0100), Jan 8-26.

#### LAST CHANCE

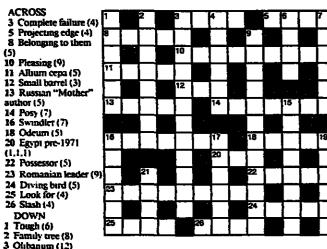
CHANGING MINDS: Exhibition of paintings and sculptures chosen by group of 13-year-olds; includes Renoir, David Nash and Keith Piper, Finishes David Nash and Keith Piper. Finishes Sat at Southampton before South Bank

Southempton Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Southempton (0709 832759).

\* RIGOLETTO: Last performances this season of Royal Opera production with Etizabeth Bainbridge, Brent Ellis, John Tominson, English surtitles. Tomorrow and Jan 4. London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair: Jazz Clive Davis David Sinciair, Jazz Cive Davis;
Dance: John Percival; Galleries:
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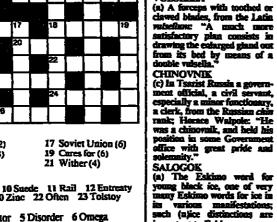


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Rogues to Riches (b)w). 6.55 Weather 7.00 Broakfast Time with Kirsty Wark and Jeremy Paxman. includes national and nternational news at 7.00, 7.30. 8.00 and 8.30; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25; regional news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27

8.30 The Flintstones (r). 8.55
Regional news and weather 9.00 News and weather followed by Now it's Christmas presented by Simon Parkin and Andy Crane beginning with Boss Cat 9.30 Why Don't You. .? Entertaining ideas for young people with time on their

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10.00 News and weather followed by
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12.00 News and weather followed by
Rainbow City. Highlights of the
festivities when the Prince and
Princess of Wales inaugurated the
Glasgow Garden Festival of
1988 12.55 Regional news and

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather 1.15 Neighbours. Jim and Beverty resplants. Juli aid Bevely experience a mutual attraction; Eleen receives a frosty reception from Ramsey Street residents; and Daphne begins to have doubts about herself 1.40 Holiday Quiz presented by Anne Gregg with Kathy Tayler and Bill Buckley. The guests are Desmond Morris, Sarah Kennedy, Hunter Davies and Joanna

12.00 Film: Whistry Galorel (1949, b/w) starring Basil Radford and Joan Greenwood. Comedy, set in 1943, about a Scottish isle that

is whisky-free — until a ship with a cargo of scotch is shipwrecked on the island.

narrated by Magnus Magnusson (r). 2.10 Jobson's Choice. Richard Jobson

selects highlights from pop performances on The Garden

3.00 News and weather followed by Showreel 88 introduced by Tony Robinson 3.40 News, regional news and weather 3.50 Women

of Our Century. Abstract artist Paule Vezeley (r). (Ceefax) 4.30 The 1988 Royal Institution

5.30 Jack High. The Woolwich Masters Bowls Tournament

Christmas Lectures. The first of

the Future" by Professor Gareth

five lectures on "The Home of

Directed by Alexander Mackendrick. (Ceefax)

1.20 A Dream of Popples. A film account of Tibetan Buddhism

9.00 Ceefax

Geronimo and his Apaches are cheated by the United States government. Geronimo then declares war on the US Cavalry. Directed by Arnold Laven 3.50 Booker. Drama about a young black slave who wants to learn to read. Starring Shavar Ross Film: Bushfire Moon (1987).

2.10 Film: Geronimo (1939) starring Chuck Comnors and Kamala Devi.

The first of a two-part story about an eight-year-old boy living in south-eastern Australia who thinks he sees Father Christmas. Directed by George Miller
5.35 Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Philip
Hayton and Andrew Harvey
6.30 London Plus and weather

7.00 Wogan. Terry Wogan's guest this evening is Hollywood actor James Stewart. Plus music from Paul Turner with the Paramount Band 7.40 Doctor Who starring Svivesta

McCoy. Episode three of a four-part adventure, The Greatest Show in the Galaxy. (Cesfax) Records Hall of Fame present by David Frost with Norris McWhirter. Includes a world record attempt by the Royal Signals Motorcycle Display Team. The guests are Sarah Brighman and Michael Ball. (Cestax) Nine O'Clock News with

Michael Buerk, Regional news and Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather

9.30 Wife Begins at 40. (see Choice)

11.00 Film: Two Rode Together
(1961) starring James Stewart and Richard Widmark. Western drams about a Texas marshal and a US Cavalry lieutenant who are ordered to negotiate with the Comanches for the return of white captives. When they reach white captives. When they reach the camp they learn that only four of the prisoners have survived. Directed by John Ford. (Ceetax)

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9.25 Rikki Tikki Tavi. Cartoon version of Kipling's tale of a mongoose (r). 9-55 Thames

news and weather

10.00 The Phantom of the Opera.

Animated version of the classic thriller about a crazed man who haunts the sewers around the Paris Opera House 10.55 News headines 11.00 Run the Gauntlet. Adventure

6.00 TV-am

sports contest between teams representing Great Britain, the United States, Australasia and the Netherlands. Introduced by Martin Shaw with commentary by Martin Shaw with comm Martin Tyler (r). 11.55

Thames news and weather

12.00 Mr & Mrs. Game show for couples presented by Derek Batey and Donia Mayers 12.30 A

Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in a remote

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1.00 News at One with John Suchet
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1.30 Film: One Magic Christmes
(1985) starring Mary Steenburgen,
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Hill. A Walt Disney tale of the
Grainger family who fees a Grainger family who face a bleak Christmas after father is laid-off from work. But hope comes in the shape of a stranger called Gideon. Directed by

called cadeon. Directed by Philip Borsos.
3.15 Film: Toot, Whistle, Plunk and Boom. A Disney cartoon about an ow instructing a class of birds on the history of music. Directed by Ward Kimball and C. August Nichols 3.25 Thames news and weather 3.30 Sons and Daughters.
Australian family drama serial
4.00 Carbon Time featuring Speedy
and Daffy and Yosemite Sam 4.15
The Thief. Drama about a

schoolboy who is thought to be the culprit when money is stolen from a teacher's purse 5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers presented by Bob Holness

5.45 News with Alastair Stewart 6.00 Thames news and weather
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Wilks turns

on his Christmas present and Turner falls asleep where he 7.00 This is Your Life. Another

unsuspecting worthy is emotionally mugged by Michael Aspel armed with his big red book 7.30 Coronation Street, Deirdre reckons she is hard done by.

(Oracle) 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The ententainer's quests are Hollywood actor Tony Curtis Vince Hill, Kylie Minogue and Jason Donovan, comedienne Bemardine Corrigan and London

Beat Rumpole of the Balley, Horace is given the task of defending a young wife accused of murdering her artist husband. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall

News at Ten with Sandy Gail
10.15 Thames news and weather
Film: Top Secret (1984)
starting Val Kilmer and Lucy
Gutteridge. This spoof take off
of wartime spy films concerns an
Arterican pop star performing
in an East German culture festival where he becomes involved

where he becomes involved with the daughter of an imprisoned scientist. Directed by Jim Abrahams, David Zucker and Jerry Zucker

12.00 Joan Amatrading in Concert at London's Hammersmith Odeon

1.00mm Film: Robbery (1967) starring Stanley Baker and Joanna Pettet. Thriller about a gang of thievas who steal a large cache of diamonds in order to finance their next escapade — the robbing of a mail train. Directed by Peter Yates

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3.05 1988 Country and Western
Awards Show presented by Dolly
Parton in Nashville
4.00 Ice Skating. The World
Professional championships from
Washington D. C.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends 6.00.

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Sierra Madre (1947, b/w) starring Humphrey Bogart, Walter Huston and Tim Holt. Oscars-

Americans caught up in the Mexican gold rush. Directed by John Huston 8.05 Baryshnikov Dences Betanchine. Mikhail Baryshnikov and his company perform two
ballets choreographed by George
Balanchine — Apollo, to music
by Igor Stravinsky, and Who
Cares? to music by George

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9.00 The French and Saunders
Christmas Special. Comedy
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6.00 Film: The Treasure of the

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9.40 Film: The Cotton Club (1984) starring Richard Gere. Romance, Harlem during the Prohibition era. Directed by Francis Coppela. (Ceefax) 11.40 Weather Schalcken the Painter A

Schalcken the Painter. A chiling tale of the supernatural set in the 17th-century. Starring Maurice Denham (r). (see Choice). Ends at 12.55am BBC1 WALES: 6.30pm-7.00
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9.30 Sesame Street.
10.30 The Hidden Kingdom — A
Himalayan Adventure. The story
of a British expedition to climb
the unscaled Gangkar Punsum,
Bhutan's greatest mountain (r).
11.30 Street Hockey from Leicester
12.00 Table Tennis. The Leeds Test
series between England and series between England and

China

1.00 Olympics '88. Barry Norman with highlights of the Olympic and Paralympic Games

2.25 Anne of Green Gables — The Sequel. The first of a two-parter.

Appelass now grown up and Anne has now grown up and earns her living as a teacher but still harbours an ambition to

4.45 Hand in Hand, For both hearing and deaf children. (Oracle) 5.15 One Love. The first of three

programmes on Rastafarians and their faith 6.00 Facrle Tale Theatre: The Nightingale starring Mick Jagger and Barbara Hershey 7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas

Owen and Anne Perkins
7.50 Comment followed by Weather 8.00 Kate & Allie (r).

8.30 Brookside. Billy abruptly ends his affair with Linda

9.00 Eugene Onegin. Tchaikovsky's opera filmed in Leningrad and Czechoslovalkia and performed by the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, conducted by Sir Georg Solfi, with the wines of Remd Solti, with the voices of Bernd Welkl, Teresa Kubiak and Stuart Burrows. Directed by Petr

Weigi 11.10 Kazuko's Karaoke Klub. A cabaret-with-chat show. The guests are Paul Boateng M P, Ruby Wax and Sandie

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11.55 Film: Ministry of Fear (1943, b/w) starring Ray Milland. Second World War spy thriller about a man who is the innocent recipient of a micro Short the Allicot of a micro film of the Allied

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plans for the invasion of Europe.
Pirected by Fritz Lang

1.30am Film: Time to Remember
(1961, b/w) starring Harry
H. Corbett as an estate agent
who receives persistent telephone calls from a woman and decides to investigate. Directed by Charles Jarrott. Ends at 2-40.

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Film: Mnistry or Fear (Ray Milland)
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# Memories of Monroe

TELEVISION REVIEW

 At the beginning of the week, the front page of this newspaper reported a technological breakthrough in home viewing. At no small expense in research funding, it has been discovered that the visual perception of a television screen may be enhanced by the addition of a cardboard frame. Wearing its square flea collar, cut no doubt from the box in which it arrived, your bumble 72-inch Sony will now supply not just width and height but also depth. This marvellous innovation must be particularly useful when contemplating such offerings as Remembering Marilyn (C4) which might otherwise give Coward's Norfolk a run for its money. Regrettably, having already used all available cardboard to construct a life-sized effigy of Lord Rees Mogg, my household had to take it as it came.

"Hosted" by Lee Remick and targeted perhaps at recently arrived Venusians who may have missed the previous 57 television tributes to Marilyn Monroe this year, the quarter centenary of her death, the programme rounded up the usual interchangeable suspects - Robert Steinem, Gloria Wagner, Robert Strasberg, Susan Mitchum and so on — to dilate on the late star's tragic loneliness, vulnerability and cleavage. This was admirably balanced by vox pop footage of real Americans with meaningless faces, most of whom are delighted to live in a country where people exactly like them have the inalienable rights to become "myths". The "real" Marilyn is, of course, a publicist's fiction and it can be in no one's interest - least of all in that of the publishing industry - to utter the final, definitive word.

Remick's script would have taken a chimp with a word processor a lifetime to achieve. Monroe's life was, apparently, "a long search for the most clusive role of all ... herself" while benighted in the "chill inner landscape of her own experience". Nothing, however,



Marilyn Monroe: from tomboy to sex symbol

could top Monroe's contribution, at the climax of a petrol commercial in which she drove a snazzy roadster, pet named Cynthia, on to a garage forecourt. Aiming her quivering lips at a posse of gas-pumping hunks, the future star commanded: "Put Royal Trident in Cynthia's little tummy!"

Casting fresh light on Monroe's own anatomy, barrel-scraping home movies dis-played a bouncy teenage hoyden cultivating the bare shoulders and bald oxters that were later to enslave a president; much earlier in life, a sturdy toddler tottered along a monochrome beach, rehearing fame and misfortune without realizing she was doing any such thing. How diligently the dead cooperate. But then it was all like a family snap: posed, gauche and very flat.

Martin Cropper

TELEVISION CHOICE

 "Marriages may be made in heaven, but they have to be lived in Woking," says one of the protagonists in Wife Begins at 40 (BBC1, 9.30pm), as if Woking was some kind of hell. It is actually a convenient shorthand for a familiar Home Counties world of fancy-dress parties and keeping up appearances. About to celebrate their seventeenth wedding anniversary, the

Ray Cooney as a stick-in-the-mud husband (BBC1, 9.30pm) seemingly happy couple of George (Ray Cooney) and hand might have helped. A Linda (Liza Goddard) have funnier script would have come to the parting of the ways. She wants something more from the marriage than a comfortable home with smart new carpets and curtains. Dull old George is failing to provide it. Trying to arouse his romantic instincts by wearing a seductive nightie, she finds him fast asleep on the sofa. Wife Begins at 40 is a classic illustration of the dictum (attributable, I think, to Sir Brian Rix) that farce is tragedy with its trousers down. Played. straight, it would be a harrowing drama of sexual frustration. With lines like, "Linda, I've got something caught in my zip", pain and embarrassment can be diffused into giggles. Directed by a seasoned BBC comedy hand, Harold Snoad, the production was recorded before a studio audience, an unusual departure designed to recreate the spontaneity of the theatre. It was a good idea but I felt that serialization on BBC2 next

helped even more. But in the post-Christmas inertia, who wants to be too critical? • Transmitted, as all good horror stories should be, at an appropriately late bour, Schalcken the Painter (BBC2, 11.45pm) is a welcome repeat of Leslie Megahey's superb film which was first shown in Omnibus in 1979. Television tends to to be shy about reviving its classics, but if old films are fair game, why not old TV programmes? The setting is 17th-century Holland and the plot embraces mystery, deceit, a painting and the selling of a beautiful woman for money. Jeremy Clyde plays the title role, with Maurice Denham and Cheryl Kennedy. Schalcken the Painter was taken from a story by the 19th-century Irish writer. Sheridan Le Fanu, whose best-known book. Uncle Silas, starts a three-part

week as The Dark Angel. Peter Waymark

**RADIO** CHOICE

 And the toast today is to the women who read stories to us on radio. Raise your glasses, please, to Anna Massey who will give you an anack of goose-pimples as she reads Elizabeth Bowen's The Cat Jumps in Short Shocks (Radio 4, 5.30pm); and to Hannah Gordon for managing to keep sentimentality at bay in the repeat broadcast of Raymond Briggs's The Snowman (Radio 9.20pm); and to Jill Gascoine who is re-reading Sara Maitland's The Wicked Stepmother's Lament in Woman's Hour (Radio 4, 2.00pm); and to Penelope

Wilton (re-reading Frank Tuohy's Thunderbolt on Radio 4, 8.42am). It is coincidental that all four happen to be actresses. All the more credit to them, therefore, that they do not put on theatrical airs, nor do they treat their tales as soliloquies that have been detached from a play. Being actresses, though, they know how to lift the characters off the script, inflate them with life, and send them over the imaginary footlights that separate the microphone from the radio set. I must put in a special word for Anna Massey and the way she tackies The Cat Jumps. When she talks about the decomposition that attacks everyone at a dinner party in the house where a man once murdered his wife, her ladvlike voice is transformed into a flick-knife.

TO TEST THE UNPREDICTABLE THEY USE THE INCOMPATIBLE ...



The veteran Hollywood film star Tony Curtis (left) is one of

the guests on Des O'Connor's show tonight (ITV, 8.00pm)

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1.00 That Was 188 6.00-6.30 Wales Sox

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VHF Stereo & MW (medium News on the half-hour from 6.30 am until 8.30 pm, then at 10.30 and 12.30 am. 5.30 Adrian John 8.00 Phillip Schofield 10.00 Gary Davies in 12-30-12-45 New Christmas Concert featuring the

- Radio 2

VHF Stareo & MW (medium wave)
News on the hour
4.00 am Bill Rennels 5.30
Chris Stuart 7.30 Bob Holnes
9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy
Young 1.05pms David Jacobs 2.00
Debble Greenwood 3.30
Adrian Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00
Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 Review
of 1988 9.00 Listen to the Band
10.00 A Slight Case of
Murdoch 10.15 No Strings
Attached 10.30 Hubert Gregg
says Thanks for the Memory 11.00
Brian Matthew presents Round
Midnight 1.00mm Alex Lester
presents Nightride 3.00-4.00 A
Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

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7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours followed by Financial News 7.30 Davelopment '88 8.00 World News 8.09 World of Festh 8.15 Busness Matters 8.30 Hancock's Helf Hour 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News tollowed by Sports Roundup 9.45 How It All Began 18.00 News Summary 10.01 Omnubus 10.30 Jazz for the Asking 11.00 World News 1.109 News Bottle Britain 11.15 Country Style 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Newsreel 12.15 Just the Job 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours tollowed by Financial News 1.30 Development '89 2.00 Outlook, opening with World News 2.45 Busness Matters 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 The Learning World 3.30 Lines From My Grandistiner's Forehead 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 Rock 'n' Rolf Christmas 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News 5.05 Commentary 5.15 Engish by Radio 5.45 Londres Sole 6.30 Heute Alchiell 7.00 Programmes 9.45 Recording of the Week 10.00 Newshour 17.00 NewSources 9.21 Roundup 9.15 Rock 'n' Rolf Christmas 9.45 Recording of the Week 10.00 Newshour 17.10 World News 1.09 Commentary 17.15 Good Books 11.30 Multitrack 2 12.00 NewsGesk 12.30 Lines From My Grandistiner's Forehead 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Crooce 1.45 Society Today 2.00 World Multitrack 2 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Lines From My Granditarher's Forehead 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Society Today 2.00 World News 2.00 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Assignment 3.00 World News 3.00 News about Bingain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Masterbrain 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Morganinggazin 5.45 648 News Headlines 5.55 Financial News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Mattin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert:
Charpentier (Musique de theatre pour Andromede: London Baroque under Media); Handel (Organ Concerto in F Op 4 No 4: Epolish Concert unter Preston, organ)

7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Delius (Brigg Fair: RPO under Beecham); under seacham; Tchaikovsky (Theme and Variations, Op 19 No 6: Andrei Gavritov, piano); Arensky (Violin Concerto in A minor: Lexingrad PO under Chemushenko with

under Chernushenko with Sergel Stadler, violin) \$.30 News \$.35 Composers of the Week: Sulfivan, Cello Concerto in D: LSO under Mackerras Concert Orchestra and

Concert Orchestra and Chorus under Lawrence with John Boulter (tenor), Joy Roberts (soprano), Leslie Fyson (baritone), Lissa Gray (soprano), and tan Wallace (bass-baritone) 9.35 Bach: Magnificat: The original version in E tlat (BWV 243a) performed by BBC Singers and Langham Chamber Orchestra under Nicholas Kraemer with Helen Miles (soprano), Pamela Priestley-Smith (soprano), Judith Harris (contrato), Neil Mackenzie (tenor) and Jonathan Robarts (bass)

Robarts (bass)
10.19 Suk: Radoslav Kvapil plays
Five pieces for piano Op 28
(De maman); The Spring Op
22a; and Remembrance Op
7 No 3; Dumka Op 7 No 5 7 No 3; Dumka Op 7 No 5
11.00 Midweek Choice; Daquin
(Noel No 6; Marie Claire
Alain, organ); Britten (A
Ceremony of Carols: Choir
of St Johns College
Cambridge directed by
George Guest with Marisa
Robles, harp); Daquin (Noel
No 10; Marie Claire Alain);
Helv-Hutchinson (Caro)

Hely-Hutchinson (Carol Symphony: Pro Arte Orchestra under Rose); Heinrich Schutz (The Christmas Story: Taverner Consort, Choir and Players under Parrott, with Nigel Rogers, tenor, Emma Kirkby, soprano, and Devid Thomas, bass) 12.50 Summoned by Bells: John Betieman con

reading of his autobiographical poem (3) Highgate (r)
1.00 News 1.05 A Hayon
Festivate Takes Quarter
play Plano Sonata in C;
Trics for two flutes and

A. Salara cello (No 1 in C and No 3 in G); Trio in G for piano, flute and cello; and String Quartet in D minor Op 76

the audience took time to get

into the mood. Perhaps a

seasonal drink or two before-

reading 2.40 Antal Dorati (1906-1988). Copland (Fantare for the Common Man: Detroit SO); Kodaly (Dances from Marosszek: Prulinarmoma
Hunganca): Bertok (Andartie
tranquilio: Minneapolis SO
with Yehudi Menuhin, violin);
Respighi (The Hen: LSO);
Webern (Five Pieces Op 10:
LSO); Gerhard (Dances
from Don Quixote: BBC
SO); Pettersson (Mens flugoma surra: Stockholm PO with Erik Saeden, bass

paritone); Stravinsky (The Frebird Scene 2: LSO) 4.00 The Child of Bethle service of music and readings from Westminster Abbey 4.55 Uister Orchestra: Pavo Berglund conducts Niels Gade's Overture to Echoes of Ossian; Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No 2 in D

minor, and Beethoven's
Symphony No 8 in F. With
Peter Frankl (plano) (r)
6.05 Frida Leider (1888-1975): A
centenary iribute to the
German soprano presented
by John Steane (r)
7.00 News 7.00 News
7.05 Better Halves?: Last of three historical travesties stars Anna Massey as Cosima Wagner and Nigel Hawthorne as Nietzsche
7.30 Domus: Mendelssohn's Piano Quartet No 3 in B minor Op 3; Judith Weir's Serbian Cabaret; Brahms's Piano Quartet No 2 in A Op 26. Includes 8.20 Denis Matthews talks about the

Matthews talks about the Brahms Piano Quartets 9.20 Berlin Philhermonic Orchestra: Hans Zender performance of Isang Yun's Symphony No 5 with Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

(baritone) 10.20 Compass Points: Third of four excursions in poetry and prose takes a trip east Britannia Trimphans: English consort dances from the 1607 and 1609 collects of the Hamburg oublishers Zacharies ulisack and Christian Hildebrand performed by

Parley of Instruments and Hilliard Ensemble 11.00 Composers of the Week: Schubert (r) 12.00 News 12.05 Wolf 88: Cophtisches Lied I: Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau (baritone) with Daniel Barenboim (plano). Ends 12.10am.

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on 5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather
6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer for the Day (s)

6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.42 Four Stories by Frank Tuchy (2) Thunderbolt. Read by Penelope Wilton (r) 8.57 Weather

9.35 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper visits the new Billingsgate fish market (r)

changes which have taken place in the Soviet Union place in the Soviet Union over the past year

10.30 My Grandfather: Third of five recollections by Denis Constanduros (s) (r)

10.45 Dally Service (s)

11.00 News; Roberta Peters: The principal soloist at the Metropolitan Opera, New York, talks to Teleri Bevan (r)

Bookshop in London 20 years ago 12.25 Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy: by John le Carre, adapted in by John le Carre, adapted seven episodes by Rene Basiltoo. Starring Bernard Heotop and Carren

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Woman's Hour; includes a post-feminist, post-Christmas pentomime: an exploration of the part that fairy tales play in people's lives, and The Wicked Stepmother's Lament by Sara Maitland,

3.00 News; Tom Jones by Henry Fleiding, adapted in six parts by Hallam Tennyson.

Peter Davalle

Padio 4

9.00 News 9.05 Conversation Piece in Hollywood: Sue MacGregor meets Steven Spielberg, reponsible for such smash hit films as E.T., Close Encounters of the Third Kind and Back to the Future 9.25 The Seed Programme with

10.00 News; Perspective 88: Gordon Clough reviews some of the dramatic

12.00 News; Nation of Shopkeepers: Debble Thrower continues her tour of five different shops with a visit to Fred Zentner, who set up the Chema Bookshop in London 20

Hepton as George Smiley (s) (r) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World At One: With

read by Jill Gascome

4.00 News; Kaleidoscope: Nigel Andrews examines what Andrews examines what steps film companies take to entice their audiences to entice their audiences into the cinema
4.45 Journey Round My People: Ferdi Dennis discovers the popularity of fashion shows with young Afro-Britains (r)
5.00 PM: Presented by Frances Coverdale and Rory MacLean

MacLean

5.30 Short Shocks . . . . (new series): First of four welrd tales. The Cat Jumps by Elizabeth Bowen, read by Anna Massey 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial

Report 6.15 Round the Home: Classic round the Horner classic radio comedy show first broadcast in May 1967. Featuring Kenneth Horne, Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and

PACOICK, DELLY MELSURI AIRA
Bill Perhase (r)
6.45 The Legacy of the Dream:
Gordon Clough talks to
Martin Luther King III about
his father's dream and philosophy (r) 7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Comedy at Christmas: Forty
Years On by Alan Bennett,
with John Gielgud, Alan
Bennett, Dorothy Reynolds,
Nora Nicholson and Paul

Eddington (s) (r)
8.50 Literary Walks: Graham
Swift, author of Waterland,
takes Christopher saves orrestopher
Somerville on a tour of the
Fens. Reader is Michael
Tudor Barnes (r)
The Snowman: Hannah
Gorring reads

Gordon reads Raymond Briggs's story in the third of five stories with music (s) (r) Kaleidoscope: Michael Billington talks to performers who play the opposite sex on stage and asks them what it is like to

thange sex (f)

10.15 A Sook At Bedtime: Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy. Read by Kerneth Haigh (8 of 20) 10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: With
Alexander MacLeod
11.00 The Financial World Tonight

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11.00 The Financial World Tonight
11.10 Down The River: Cliff
Morgan follows the course
of the River Waveney in
East Anglia and visits
Bressingham Hall gardens,
Earsham and Bungay (s) (r)
12.00 News, incl 12.20 Weather
12.33 Shipping Forecast
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By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

variations in the levels of Day. drink driving over the Christmas period in different regions of Britain.

Some police forces, particularly in Scotland, had no breath tests which showed that the driver had consumed more than the legal limit on Christmas Day or Boxing Day, while Derbyshire reported an increase of 25 per cent in "positive" tests.

For five days immediately before Christmas Eve, figures collated by the Association of Chief Police Officers had shown a decline of almost 20 per cent in the number of positive tests, by comparison with the previous year's figures. It is expected to be some days before more up-to-date figures are fully collated.

Yesterday the Department of Transport said that if the figures were correct they were encouraging, though it hoped the improvement would continue throughout the year and not just at Christmas.

The number of positive drink driving tests will vary greatly according to the policies of different police forces. In Scotland the Tayside and Grampian forces found no one over the limit on either Christmas Day or Boxing

The Central Scotland police recorded only one case on Christmas Day and none on Boxing Day, the Dumfries and

A picture has emerged of wide Day, and only one on Boxing

Strathclyde, Scotland's largest region, recorded a com-bined total of 17 on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, compared to 23 on Boxing Day alone last year.

The Fife police, which has a policy of testing every driver involved in a moving vehicle accident, disclosed that it had one positive breath test on Christmas Day and two, with one refusal to take the test, on Boxing Day. At the other end of the scale,

in Derbyshire between December 19 and the early hours of Tuesday 706 motor-ists were tested, 64 more than last year. Of those 58 were positive compared with 48 at Christmas 1987.

Supt John Austick, head of the county's road traffic di-vision, said: "It was disappointing to say the least. We seem to be left with a hard core of drink drivers who continue to ignore the warnings and behave with

inexcusable irresponsibility." In Kent, of 455 drivers who were tested over the Christmas and Boxing Day period, 83 were positive, a reduction on last year's figures.

North Wales police reported four positive breath tests on Christmas Day and six on Boxing Day.

In Devon and Cornwall 87 drivers failed breath tests between December 21 and Galloway police force had no 6am yesterday out of 843 tests positive tests on Christmas given in the two counties.

# **Londoner freed** from Iranian jail

Continued from page 1 release of Mr Nicola, Mr Tom Clarke, Labour MP for Monklands West, Strathclyde, who joined a delegation to Iran this summer said: "It suggests that it was right to restore diplomatic relations and reopen the British

"It is very important we should keep pressing for the release of Roger Cooper from Iran and the British hostages from Beirut.

cover from the shooting down from Lebanon yesterday sugof the Iranian airbus over the Gulf but it would appear that French sisters being held hosthings are now beginning to tage by a Palestinian extremist move in the right direction, he group had still not been

Since Iran called a halt to the Gulf War with Iraq four and Marie-Laure Valente. months ago it has worked steadily at improving relations with the West, first with France, then Britain in an attempt to be readmitted into the international community after years of isolation.

Geoffrey Howe, and Britain's new acting charge d'affaires in Tehran, Mr Gordon Pirie, have made it clear to Iranian officials that relations could not progress until the cases of Mr Nichola and Mr Cooper were resolved.

Although the two countries officially reestablished diplomatic relations last month the warming process has been slow and Whitehall said yesterday that it expected more from Iran.

gested that the two young lowed to leave Beirut.

It now seems that Virginie aged six and seven, remained in detention at the very moment on Monday when a spokesman for the Abu Nidal faction was assuring their family that they had been freed in a Chritsmas gesture. The Foreign Secretary Sir French hostage delay, page 7

Syria shivers as Britain basks in the sun



Playing in the snow: A girl builds a snowman in Damascus, capital of Syria. Rare snowfalls have affected all parts of Syria, blocking many roads

# No sign of cold for at least five days

By Robin Young

There will be no cold snap in Britain for at least the next five days, weathermen promised yesterday. Although Scot-land and the North will be colder and wetter this morning, mild conditions are expected well into the new year.

Conditions in Scotland for would-be skiers were described as "hopeless"; dry ski-runs in London and the Home Counties are doing brisk basiness — some from people who have returned from ski-ing resorts for lack of snow. "There is the possibility of

some fresh snow showers in the Alps tomorrow", the London Weather Centre predicted, "but generally the whole of Europe, with the exception of far northern Scandinavia, is several degrees warmer than average for the time of year. Any snow that falls will only settle on very high ground. Elsewhere it is likely to tarn to rain."

The only European capitals which reported temperatures yesterday were Madrid (-1 C) and Moscow -13). In the eastern Mediterranean, however, wintry con-ditions have hit with greater

effect. There is snow in Leba-

non and Syria, and it is very cold around Istanbul. Long break, page 3

Balmy at Kew, page 6



Playing without snow: Miss Corinne Langford, aged 18, of Rainham, Essex, happily tackles a dry ski slope in east London.

Generally cloudy and mild

but some rain over Scot-

**AROUND BRITAIN** 

# **Apathy** greets media frenzy

Ola in the Volga had nominated Mr Yegor Ligachov. A meeting in the agricultural region of Oryol had nominated the head of agriculture. Mr Viktor Nikonov.

At some of the meetings reported in Moscow, the nominees were more modest being factory managers or officials, but the process was only a little more competitive. In one case, a rival ceded victory before any vote was cast and recommended one of the other candidates. The general public apathy

may not be overcome easily. For the much-heralded election on March 26 will not produce the Soviet Union's new Parliament just like that. The relationship between

the voter and his elected representative will be more complicated. For a start, the electorate will be electing not a

Leningrad dissidents .....7 Leading article.....

Parliament, but a Congress of People's Deputies comprising 2,250 people that will meet for only two weeks. Nor will all voters be electing all deputies: a third of the seats are reserved for nominees of public organizations".

Those groups which qualify for reserved places include the Communist Party, the Communist Youth League (Konssomol), the official trade union organization, and a collection of amateur societics - including stamp collectors.

Those organizations which do not qualify include the Popular Front organizations in the Baltic states, which. have been active over the past half-year in representing the interests of some of the Soviet minority nationalities.

The Congress of Deputies

will be partly a forum for diverse views - allowing public expression of discontent perhaps, along the lines of the special Communist Party conference last June — and partly an electoral college. In this capacity, it will elect the standing Parliament and then bow out, although the possibility of its recall cannot be ruled out. Because the composition of

the Congress of People's Deputies is weighted in the direction of the "public organiza-tions", Communist Party members and others who play an active part in the present government system will have more than one vote: one as an ordinary constituency member and one in each organization to which they belong.

The success of the new system in drawing more people into the Soviet political process will be judged by two factors: the turnout in the nationwide elections on March 26, and the final composition of the new Supreme Soviet The Parliament will only be more representative if it incorporates people who would not have been elected under the previous system.

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LIGHTING-UP TIME

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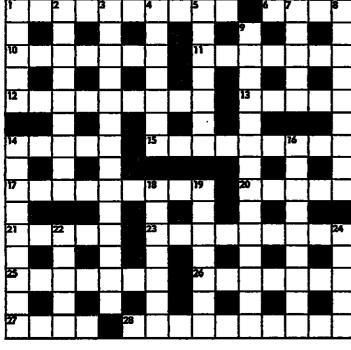
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Sun sets: 3.59 pm

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ACROSS

1 The language, when actors robe with difficulty! (5-5).

6 Wounding remark pointedly 10 Costermonger's wife with an aversion to sneezing? (7).

II About a generation back, a sick student would be banned (7). 12 Skewer in brand-new condition used in cooking (9).

13 Lively as the French in paintings and sculpture (5). 14 The chief magistrate is a flighty

female (5). 15 Recited act covering land allot-

17 Sea cruise initiated by a woman 20 Sport with many a confederate

21 Crustacean from river caught by man on board (5).

23 Officer has ship's prison aired for a change (9). 25 Condiment obtained from island in state park, maybe (7).

26 It is vital to be constitutional

27 Genuine old Spanish coin (4). 28 Maker of scientific investigation about a Kentish bowman? (10). DOWN

I Arrogance seen initially in sporting teams (5). 2 Uproar always made by a mob-

3 Ace gunman taking money in the arcade? (3-5,6). 4 Discern materials set aside (7).

5 Like one with a nervous spasm of continental origin (7). 7 An old tribesman's point of view

8 Behind time (delayed in bed? Extremely likely) (9). 9 Such undercover operations do

lack danger, perhaps, when involving a horse (5-3-6). 14 Edible product of Cape, more fully developed outside (4-5).

16 Small fraction a Scottish philos-opher hit on, oddly enough (9). 18 Send me up a couple to adopt

19 Offensive rumour about one man's origins (7). 22 Set of characters losing wager to a bright star (5).

24 French coin with king on both sides to make a come-back (5).

Coacise Crossword, page 18

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

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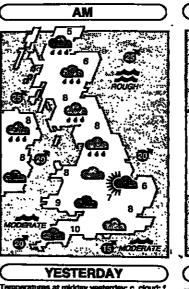
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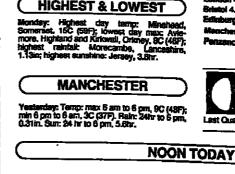
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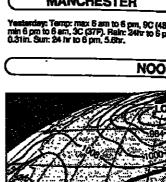
land, Northern Ireland and the far north of England, mainly during the morning. It will tend to move slowly south, affecting northern England and Wales at times, while clearing from the north and north-west Scotland, allowing sunny spells and a few showers. Generally dry and bright over England and Wales, with light rain or drizzle. Outlook: mostly dry and mild over England, rain at times in the north, colder in Scotland.

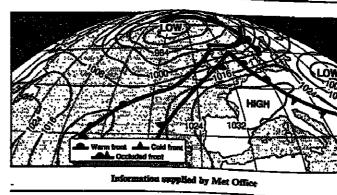
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**Executive Editor David Brewerton** 

# Parkinson increase

By Our Energy

Large industrial users of electricity have asked Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Energy Secretary, to rescind the 6 per cent price increase due to be introduced by the electricity supply industry next April.
The Energy Intensive Users

Group has written to Mr Parkinson saying that circumstances have changed so much since the financial targets for the industry were set by his department earlier this year that price rises are no longer

The group says that the proposed Fawley B coal-fired power station will not go ahead because the new distribution companies cannot give assurances that they will take its power, that a tax to support the nuclear power programme has since been proposed; and that the Government's own privatization proposals for the electricity industry provide for govern-ment funds to deal with unexpectedly large nuclear de-

It adds that in any case the 6 per cent price rise is unjustifiable. The increased target rate of return for the power in-dustry adds only 3.5 per cent

It says that since fuel costs, which account for 60 per cent of the industry's costs, are stable, other costs must be increasing at about 10 per cent a "much worse performance" by the CEGB than in 1987-88. "This cannot be an acceptable prelude to privatization.

The large industrial electricity users have also said that they will be unable to play their part in rectifying Britain's balance of payments problem if they continue to suffer unnecessary electricity price rises which damage their international compet-

#### STOCK MARKETS

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\* Denotes latest trading price
† Denotes Friday's close



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# Oil price rise urged to halt power fear after cut in UK output

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Oil traders are predicting an increase in spot oil prices today after the latest shut-in of 10 per cent of the output from the British sector of the North Sea.

The three producing plat-forms, the Shell-Esso Fulmar and Auk and the Britoil Clyde, which have lost their floating storage and export terminal the supertanker Medora, account for about 10 per cent of Britain's daily output of 2.1 million barrels of oil.

The tanker broke its mooring during the Christmas holiday and at one point threatened to drift into the three oil platforms it serves. It was towed to Stavanger, Norway, with all its 38 crew safe. The three platforms which

used the Medora to store their oil have been shut down and it could be "months rather than weeks" before they can be brought back on stream.

A meeting of Shell-Esso and Britoil technical staff will be held in Aberdeen tomorrow to discuss the incident. It is likely that a new

mooring tower will have to be ordered to connect the sea-bed oil pipes to the storage tanker. There is every sign that the Medora could quickly be back prices up today, according to on station, but the mooring Tokyo traders. Although only system, which broke off at sea-bed level and acted as a huge sea anchor to slow the drifting terday there are signs that tanker, will have to be prices could rise this week. reconstructed.

after a detailed investigation into the incident.

At present most oil companies operating in the North Sea are receiving less than \$15 a barrel for their oil against \$30 two years ago, so any shut-down in production is less damaging to earnings at

The three oil companies involved are probably able to buy oil for their refineries from the Middle East at a lower price than they have to pay for North Sea crude.

In any event, daily production losses are covered by insurance polices, so the losers could be the insurance industry and the Government, which will forego revenues. Coupled with production being lost while the Piper Alpha network of fields is out of full operation, about 20 per cent of North Sea output is

a few new deals were done in the world spot markets yes-

reconstructed.

It is believed the Department of Energy will order a considerably modified design

The world oil markets closed for Christmas with prices reaching their highest level for more than seven

widely traded oil on the spot markets, was quoted at \$15.30 for immediate lifting and car-goes for February delivery were only slightly lower. Less than a month ago Brent oil prices were well below the \$12

West Texas Intermediate the US benchmark crude oil. has risen to \$16.40 a barrel for February delivery, but the main Opec crude, Dubai, is still far short of the target price of \$18 a barrel.

Dubai crude has been changing hands for February delivery at \$12.85 and there is little sign that traders expect it to rise dramatically once the new Opec output quotas come into operation in the new year. In Tokyo yesterday deals

were being discussed at prices around the \$13.20 level for

# **American Brands lifted** by talk of Unilever bid

By Our City Staff

takeover bid worth more than \$10 billion (£5.55 billion) is being put together for American Brands — the Benson & Hedges cigarettes, Jim Beam whisky and office products group — after a further rise in the company's stock when Wall Street re-opened after the it is our policy never to com-Christmas holiday.

It climbed a further \$2% to talk of an imminent bid from foods-to-detergents group.

The market whispers, which were fanned into life on also has big interests in drinks, ican sales last year totalled hardware and security prod- which firm was buying.

Speculation is growing that a \$5.76 billion, generating an ucts. This year it successfully operating profit of \$448 million, was poised to launch a bid at up to \$90 a share.

Unilever, whose North American interests include Liptons, Chesebrough-Pond's and National Starch, said: "I'm afraid

45, making a \$124, or 22 American Tobacco more than takeover of Chesebroughper cent, gain in the past two a century ago, and owns Lucky Pond's, the skincare and con-business days, amid gathering Strike, Pall Mail and Carlton sumer products group, comcigarettes, as well as Benson & pleted in December 1986. Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch Hedges and Silk Cut, the Gallaher brands in Britain.

But these days the company

countered a \$5.5 billion bid from E-II Holdings with the now celebrated "Pac-Man" However, a spokesman for defence ploy of launching a nilever, whose North Amerbid for the bidder. It also said yesterday that it was company policy not to comment on the activity of the company's stock or on speculation.

Unilever's last big ac-American Brands started as quisition was the \$3.1 billion

In New York last night traders said no other names of potential suitors were surfacing. One dealer said there was a Christmas Eve, suggested that financial services, office prod-run-up on orders for the stock Unilever, whose North Amer- ucts, processed foods, soaps, but it was difficult to discern

# Move to allocate more cash for better data on economy

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Government is likely to Treasury and Civil Service some very detailed series..

divert more money towards Select Committee which in a It also questioned whether it securing accurate statistics of report just before Christmas was right for one department growth in the economy because of growing concern that the present figures are giving misleading signals.

In the content allocate more resources to lect trade figures, another improving official statistics (Trade and Industry) to angenerally. It said that the alyse them and a third (Cenlt is also considering residual error between dif-converting the Central Statistical Office from a govern-ment department into a public accounts was only the worst of balance of payments. "several appalling discrepancies."

sector agency. Ministers are not prepared, however, to increase overall public spending on statistics significantly, nor to place new burdens on business, on which based, examined both techthe responsibility for providing the data largely rests. and the institutional arrange-The extra resources will be ments. It concluded that the that is the reason for the balance of effort between present problems. found by reducing the amount spent on some statistical series collecting different series of

and spending more on others. statistics should be altered,

The response will get a with more attention to the

mixed reception from the national accounts and less to

urged the Government to (Customs and Excise) to colresidual error between dif- tral Statistical Office) to take overall responsibility for the

Impatience with the CSO has been mounting among The efficiency report recently completed by the Cabinet Office, on which the Government's decisions are does not have its own departnical statistical procedures mental minister. Some members of the Cabinet believe

The Cabinet Office report is expected to be published within the next few weeks. Economic View, page 23 Conran: Letter passed on

Taylor guns for 'new' Armstrong team



One man and his dog: Wardle Storeys chairman Brian Taylor on a Christmas shoot with Gandalf, the retrieving Rottweiler

# Wardle Storeys in fresh attack

By Michael Tate

Mr Brian Taylor, chairman of Wardle Storeys, the plastic sheeting to lifebelts and parachutes group, left a shoot in Norfolk over the Christmas holiday, to fire a fresh shot at his £85 million bid target, Armstrong Equipment, the shock absorber group.

Accompanied by Gandalf, his 111/2 stone Rottweiler "The only retrieving Rottweiler in existence, as far as I to say in his defence docuknow, and trained by my-ment, expected on Friday. The self"), and armed with one of market believes Mr Watts is

his pair of Purdey shotguns, Mr Taylor took a potshot at Armstrong's "new" management which he said, had done too little, too late."

Mr Taylor admitted that he expects to have bagged precious few acceptances for his 155p-a-share bid by today's second closing date. Armstrong holders will naturally prefer to hear what their own chairman, Mr Roy Watts, has

capable of producing a profit forecast of more than £10 million, but Mr Taylor said that even a £10.5 million any of the performance yardfigure would leave his bid parable deals, such as Arvin's nurchase of TI's engine parts division before Christmas.

Wardle Storeys has already prepared its final attacking document, due for dispatch early next week. This will on the Armstrong

claim, has only one new face, and will aim to show that by sticks cited by Armstrong offering a higher prospective such as stock turn, return on exit p/e ratio — between 13 capital, gearing and operating and 14 — than recent comprofit — Wardle Storeys has done better.

> Meanwhile, it looks less likely that a white knight will materialize, according to Mr Taylor. "With every day, I become more and more convinced that our bid fully

# Conran refuses to meet Edelman

By Cliff Feltham

Storehouse, the high street change of letters. In his letter retailing group run by Sir to Sir Terence on December Terence Conran, has turned 22, he said he had accudown an offer to meet Mr mulated a substantial Asher Edelman, the American shareholding in Storehouse, corporate raider who has built the Habital BHS and Motherup a 5.24 per cent holding in the group. Mr Edelman, who is based

in New York, is understood to be angry at Storehouse's reaction. He also feels that Sir cerning his interest in the Terence Conran, Storehouse's company. chairman, delivered a personal snub by passing the said: "I told Mr Thornton that affair to Mr Michael Julien, my interests were broad and his chief executive, to handle. Last night, one of Mr Edelman's advisers said: "I have no idea what his next step will be. He is now on his

way to Switzerland." Mr Edelman, in a move clearly aimed at embarrassing Storehouse, disclosed an ex-



22, he said he had accucare chain. He said he had been contacted on behalf of Mr Julien by Mr John Thornton of Goldman Sachs, Storehouse's new advisers, con-In his letter, Mr Edelman

Mr Julien to discuss the full range of possibilities. Al-though Mr Thornton said that he would be back in contact with me shortly. I have not heard from him since. "I would like to set up a meeting with you at your convenience to discuss what I consider to be very interesting possibilities to benefit Store-

that I would be willing to meet

house and its shareholders." He received a four-line letter from Mr Julien saying the letter had been passed to him to deal with but that he could see "no useful purpose in meeting with you at this

There has been speculation that Mr Edelman has approached a number of big British retailers, including Woolworth Holdings, Sears and Burton, to see if they would be interested in taking

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#### Further expansion signalled in US food industry

# GrandMet set to build on Pillsbury win

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Grand Metropolitan's success in its relentless pursuit of Pillsbury is likely to be the first step in a series of acquisitions in the US food industry, which will make it one of the dominant players in the North American

Wall Street analysts said that based on GrandMet's cash reserves and its aggressive management style, they expected the Pilisbury acquisition to be the foundation of a large expansion in

the US and Canada. "There are a number of regional food companies GrandMet could acquire and we would expect them to expand further in the US food business," said Mr George Rosenbaum,

an industry specialist. On completion of its \$5.7 billion (£3.1 billion) tender offer for Pillsbury, due to expire on January 3, GrandMet must, however, quickly inject more than \$200 million into the

ailing Burger King division to turn the company around, analysts said.

Reviving Burger King, in second place of US hamburger chains behind McDonald's, is the key to turning a profit from the Pillsbury acquisition. It will require not only a hard-hit-

ting national advertising campaign but also new management to institute quality control standards and the same level of service, coast to coast. "They have to serve up the same Whopper in Hoboken, New Jersey that they sell in Minneapolis," said Mr Steven Carnes of Piper Jeffray. This is a difficult assignment, in the

opinion of food analysts, who noted that growth in the industry had slowed considerably and competition was fierce. The fast food industry expects annual growth of between 1 and 2 per cent next year and for 1990. "McDonald's keeps growing because it manages its business so well. Burger King faces the same chall-

enge," said a Goldman Sachs analyst.

The GrandMet team, however, is highly regarded on Wall Street and is thought to be equal to the task. Indeed, analysts are convinced

Pillsbury will become a much more aggressive marketer under the management assembled by Mr Allen Sheppard, chairman of GrandMet, who outmanoeuvred Mr Philip Smith, Pilisbury's chairman, in his campaign for the US company.

Even before the takeover, Pilisbury was criticized for a conservative marketing style which failed to take advantage of the prominent shelf position it had in most US supermarkets. It failed to capitalize on the popularity and exposure of its Green Giant, Del Monte, Pilisbury dough and Jeno's lines by expanding these products and linking them with other new lines, analysts said. This was expected to change dramatically under GrandMet.

"Pillsbury clearly has some very underdeveloped brand names, and

brand names are critical in the US market," said the Goldman Sachs analyst. By buying smaller, regional food companies and integrating these products into established Pillsbury lines, GrandMet stands to gain a much larger share of the US market. Analysts say GrandMet has the cash to expand even after executing the Pillsbury takeover.

But to achieve this GrandMet will have to improve morale and revitalize the management structure of Pillsbury, which has suffered from declining earnings and erratic leadership. It has had three chief executives in less than five years. Mr Smith inherited a demoralized company when he took over last July.

His long delay in responding to GrandMet's offer exacerbated matters, resulting in defections of senior management. Some of "the best and the brightest defected to competitors such as General Mills, Frito Lay and General Foods," one analyst said.

# Soundtracs prepares to make waves in the radio revolution

By Carol Leonard and Michael Clark Mr Todd Wells, enterprising chairman of Soundtracs, which designs, makes and markets computerized sound consoles for recording studios and broadcasters, is confidently awaiting the announcement

of the company's 1988 results.

The profit figure, due to be published towards the end of next month, should satisfy the stock market's expectations of £800.000

: And 1989 looks likely to be even better. For the revolution in television and radio - expected to cause a proliferation of new channels at national and local level - means fresh markets for his products.

The community radio market alone, which will open up in February, is estimated to be worth at least £50 million in Britain - with other markets in various corners of the globe, especially Scandinavia, France and Japan. Mr Wells said: "We already export to

:43 different countries, but the imminent expansion in community radio will trigger orders for hardware. Most community radio stations will be after a Ford-version of a sound console, rather than a Range Rover or Rolls-Royce one and our product is specifically aimed at that end of the market."

"We see our growth coming from community radio and film and video post-production, in fact anything with audio on film."

But the competitive price does not mean that the quality is below par.

Mr Tony Swain and Mr Steve Jolley, two record producers whose clients include such chart regulars as Alison Moyet, Culture Club, Bananarama, Spandau Ballet and Diana Ross, scoured the market for two new consoles for their recording studios in Hertfordshire and Essex and eventually chose two from

to be installed in February." But he was, understandably, even more delighted, when an identical model was ordered by Yamaha, the Japanese conglomerate which manufactures

Soundtracs.Mr Wells said: "They are due

everything from motorcycles to pianos. Mr Wells said: "They wanted a console to use when making corporate videos and even though they make sound consoles themselves, they chose one of ours instead. It was installed three weeks ago. I do not like to sound immodest but I suppose they must have discovered that ours sound better."

Mr Wells is also a committed European and is looking to acquire a company in mainland Europe in time for



Todd Wells: confident about prospects

"The EEC is already our second biggest market outside the UK, but because of demographic problems we want to buy a company over there so that we can have representatives on the spot. Europe will also have language problems, which the Americans do not have. It is not realistic to expect us all to suddenly start speaking fluent French and German, so it makes sense to use locals."

Diversification is always a tricky operation for any company but Beasons Crisps appears to have successfully achieved it with its Sight & Sound Animations subsidiary. And, just to add a touch of seasonality this year, its biggest and most successful project has been to provide displays for the windows

and grotto of Selfridges.

Millions of families have already treated themselves to the spectacle of The Night Before Christmas" in the windows. But the highlight is the grotto with its spectacular "Out of the Nursery and into the Night."

This tells the story of Max, the teddy bear, who in the first scene is carried out of his nursery window. The subsequent scenes follow Max on his adventures. Setting up grottos for the department

stores is now big business.Mr Mike Hopwood at Sight & Sound said: "We deal in grottos from Inverness to Guernsey, Dublin and Newcastle."

He added: "We have even sold leprechauns to the Irish - well not exactly leprechauns, but 70 animated gnomes to provide entertainment for the customers for the Ilac Shopping Centre

#### TOKYO

# Nikkei surges 182 to record

rose to a record close in thin trading on broad-based buying of issues thought likely to gain in the New Year, brokers said.

The 225-share Nikkei gained 182.92 points, or 0.61 per cent, to 30,050.93 – just above the previous record close of 0,050.82, set on December 7. The index also reached a record for dealings during the day of

30,084.75. It gained 181.65 on Monday.

Volume was 700 million shares against 600 million on Monday. Buying was domi-nated by dealers and some investment trusts, with most foreign and individual investors on holiday, brokers said.

Gains among financial shares - heavily weighted in the Nikkei index - played

index past 30,000 to the record close - a level many brokers thought auspicious for the New

They have been lagging behind other domestic issues and were supported by expectations of stable domestic interest rates. Regional banks drew support from government plans to revitalize rural areas of Japan.

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#### Blue chips edge higher after opening losses

with blue chips regaining small, opening losses and moving higher.

Analysts said that, in thin trading, small buying was pushing blue chips higher. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 1 point to 2,169.93 at one

(Renter) - Prices generally stage. American Brands turned mixed in early trading gained 1½ to 69% after a jump of 10 on Friday. The rises follow talk of a takeover bid from Unilever.

• Frankfurt (AP-Dow Jones) - The DAX index gained 11.95 points to 1.340.41, passing the previous 1988 high of 1,328.46, set on December 23,

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# Bid extension plea fails

By Our City Staff

current bid has approached the Takeover rash of Christmas cards. Panel requesting an extension of its timetable because of seasonal congestion in the postal system.

But the request was met with a distinct lack of festive cheer. The Panel takes the view that parties choose the time to launch their bids and can hardly be in ignorance of the approach of Christmas when they take the plunge.

Under the Takeover Code, the 60-day calendar from the posting of the offer document runs with no regard to public holidays, or to the number of accep-

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At least one merchant bank involved in a tances or withdrawals caught up in the

The clock can be stopped only in extreme circumstances, such as an injunction which causes a significant interruption, said Mr Peter Fraser, deputy director-general of the Panel. He said most Christmases saw the occasional vain request for more breathing

Iceland Frozen Foods Holdings will be looking out for the postman with particular anxiety. By Friday it had 49.5 per cent of Bejam Group's shares and extended the bid to 1pm on Friday.

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# Contractors cannot sue engineers

Pacific Associates Inc and claims by the contractors made Another v Baxter and Others Before Lord Justice Purchas,

Lord Justice Russell

[Judgment December 15] Contractors had no right of action in tort to recover damages for economic loss against engineers appointed by the em-ployer to supervise the construction works contracted to be done. The engineers, having contractual obligations only to the employer, owed no duty of care to the contractors and were liable to the employer alone for any failures to act fairly and to exercise care and skill.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments in dismissing an appeal by the contractors, Pacific Associates Inc and R. B. Construction Ltd. from an order of Judge John Davies, QC, sitting on official referee's business in December 1987, striking out their statement of claim against the en-gineers. Halcrow International Partnership and their 13 partners, as disclosing no reasonable cause of action and being an abuse of the process of the court. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, Mr Andrew Burr and Mr N. Mark Hill for the contractors; Mr Simon Tuckey, QC and Miss

E. I. Davies for the engineers. LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that the appeal raised important issues relating to the duty owed, if any, by engineers appointed to supervise construction works.

The contractors' claim arose from extensive dredging and reclamation work in Dubai Creek Lagoon in the Persian Gulf that they had carried out for the employer, the Ruler of Dubai. The contractors had tendered for the contract in the knowledge that the work would be supervised by the engineers n accordance with the conditions of the contract.

The presence of "hard materials" had made dredging work more difficult and expensive. The contractors' case was that the information given to them by the engineers at tender stage was inaccurate and as a result the tender price on which the contract was based was too low. The engineers had rejected all

under express terms of the contract for increases in the rates for the work.

The contractors' claim for damages of £45 million against the engineers at that "by their continual failure to certify and by their final rejection of the [contractors] claims [the engineers] acted negligently and alternatively were in breach of their duty to act fairly and impartially in administering the

The judge found that for the purposes of administration of the contract the engineers were the agent of the employer.

Then, taking as his starting point the speech of Lord Keith of Kinkel in Peabody Donation Fund (Governors of) v Sir Lindsay Parkinson & Co Lid ([1985] 1 AC 210, 241) and of Lord Scarman in Tai Hing Cotton Mill Lid v Liu Chong Hing Rank Mill Lid v Liu Chong Hing Bank Lid ([1986] AC 80, 107), he asked himself whether it ac-corded with good sense for the law to intervene in such a commercial relationship to impose on the agent of one party to the contract a duty of care towards the other party for administrative acts for the con-sequences of which his principal would in any case be liable under the contract. His answer

Mr Scrivener submitted that assuming the relevant facts, the three criteria necessary to estab-lish the engineers' liability were established, namely: (1) foreseeability of harm, (2) proximity and (3) that as a matter of policy it was just and reasonable to impose a duty of care on them in favour of the

contractors. His claim, he said, was covered entirely by the prin-ciples in Hedley Byrne & Co Ltd v Heller & Partners Ltd ([1964]

AC 465). For the engineers it was contended that there was no general liability in tort for foreseeable economic loss dis-sociated from physical damage. The contract sufficiently de-fined the rights and liabilities of the parties and no extension was

justified by superimposing a duty in tort.

Moreover, they relied on the disclaimer clause in the contract that "neither the engineer nor contract".

The contractors' protection against loss ensuing from any failure by them was, they said, catered for under the arbitration provisions and their right of recovery against the employer.

In the circumstances, particularly bearing in mind the contractual provisions enabling the contractors to recover from the employer, no liability could be established in tort under which the engineers owed a direct duty to the contractors. There was no justification for superimposing on the contractual structure an additional liability in tort.

Athough there was "proximity" in the obvious sense that the contractors relied on the the contractors rened on une engineers performing their supervisory duties, that was not the same quality of "proximity" required to establish a duty of care in the Hedley Byrne sense.

The duty on the engineers to perform in accordance with the contract arose from the contractual relationship existing be-tween them and the employer. They had no such relationship

with the contractors. The contract entitled the contractors to challenge the performance of the duties of the engineers by claiming against the employer. Moreover, when tendering for the contract, the contractors were content to offer on the terms which incor-porated the full terms of the

proposed contract. Those circumstances established that: 1 The engineers remained under contractual obligations to the employer to exercise skill and care and to act fairly between the employer and the con-tractors. If they were in breach of that duty they would be liable to the employer for economic loss flowing from the breach. 2 There was no reason to infer on any right to recover damages for any breach of duty in 1 other

than by pursuing their remedies against the employer.

3 There was no reason to infer that the engineers assumed di-rect responsibility to the cou-tractors for any economic loss occasioned by any breach by them in performing their duty; there was, therefore no basis on which a duty of care to prevent economic loss to the contractors

or obligations under the could be imposed on the en- Charrington Fael Oil Ltd v gineers.
Whether it was said that there

was not "proximity" between the parties and thus no duty of care, or that there was no economic loss in the sense of loss not recoverable under the arbitration provisions of the contract, or that to allow the existence of such a duty would not be just and reasonable might not much matter.

The position could have been otherwise if a provision for arbitration had not been in-cluded. But it would be rare for such a contract in which a consulting engineer was ap-pointed not to have an arbitra-

tion clause.
The judge's decision that the statement of claim disclosed no cause of action was correct.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIRSON, agreeing, said that professional firms engaged in construction work and the comout were concerned to know whether in the relationships between contractor, employer and engineer under a contrac-tual relationship like to that in the instant case, but ignoring the disclaimer clause, the law im-posed a duty of care on the engineer to the contractor not to cause economic loss in the process of certifying and of accepting or rejecting claims under the contract.

Each case would turn on its own facts but it was likely that many such contracts would be similar to the one under consideration.

Two questions arose. First, was the relationship between the contractors and the engineers as alleged in the statement of claim such that the engineers became under a duty to act with due care to avoid economic loss to the contractors under the contract with the employer, assuming for that purpose that there was no disclaimer clause? Second, whether any such

duty of care was to be imposed, having regard to the presence of the disclaimer clause, even if the answer to the first question was in the affirmative The answer to both questions

Lord Justice Russell gave a

#### Parvant Co Ltd and Another Before Lord Justice Purchas and

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Lord Justice Stuart-Smith [Judgment December 5] Suppliers of domestic fuel oil continuing a course of dealing by making oil deliveries to a property under new ownership could not hold the former owners of the property liable for

dealings with the suppliers, their failure to notify change of ownership or to close their account with the suppliers did not amount to conduct that represented to the suppliers that the new owner had ostensible authority to order the fuel as an

agent acting on the former owners' behalf. owners' behalf.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the first defendants, Parvant Co Ltd, the former leaseholders of the property, from the judgment of Judge Brandt in Bishop's Stortford County Court ordering that they be jointly liable with the second defendant, Mr Keith Davis, for the cost of two Keith Davis, for the cost of two deliveries of oil made by the plaintiffs, Charrington Fuel Oil

Mr Selwyn Bloch for the first defendants; Mr Paul Leigh-Morgan for the plaintiffs; the second defendant did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that the first defendants ceased to be the leaseholders of

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had an interest, thereafter became head lessors.
Fuel oil for the property had until August 1984 been ordered by the first defendants and credited to their account with the plaintiffs.

In September and October the second defendant requested two oil deliveries be made to the property and told the plaintiffs that the orders were to be credited to the account which the first defendants had not

The judge held that the second defendant left the impression with the plaintiffs that pression with the plaintiffs that the first defendant would pay for those deliveries and that al-though he had no actual authority to act as their agent he had ostensible authority so to

The judge's conclusion from those findings of joint liability by both defendants gave rise to an inconsistency that could not be supported. If the first defennts were liable as principal then no liability could attach to the second defendant as agent. But the first defendants could only be liable to the plaintiffs on the basis that they had clothed the second defendant with ostensible authority to act for

The first defendants had opened an account with the

plaintiffs and had imposed no limitations as to who could place orders for oil so long as the deliveries were made to the property concerned.

ments between the defendants for payment and ordering oil were varied following the change of ownership, the plaintiffs had not been so informed and the account had not been closed.

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Agency from "ostensible authority" was considered in the case of Armagas Ltd v Mundogas SA ([1986] AC 717). Lord Keith of Kinkel (at p777) made it clear that before "ostensible authority" could arise a position of estoppel had to be established relating to acts done, or the failure to act, on the part of the principal.

In normal circumstances it was not relevant to consider representations made by the purported agent as to the extent of his authority. Here the undisputed evidence

vas to the contrary except for the fact of the continuation of deliveries being made to the same property. But that could not amount to a representation that would form the basis of estoppel on which the ostensible authority concept could be

The judge's decision that the second defendant was vested with the ostensible authority to act as agent and so impose liability on the first defendants for the two deliveries of oil could not be supported.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith gave a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Wallace & Partners; Nockolds, Bishop's Stortford.

#### Financial prejudice over delay can justify striking out claim

Newman v Hopkins An increase in a defendant's liability for damages, caused by the plaintiff's inordinate and inexcusable delay in bringing the claim to trial, constituted financial prejudice which if it were serious would justify the court in striking out the claim for want of prosecution. However an increase of £11,420 on a claim worth concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Lovell, White per cent) did not constitute to los Cooper.

Lord Justice Russell gave a £11,420 on a Caulii worth plannu fills, 200 on a Caul

Croom-Johnson and Lord an order nisi that the plain-Justice Glidewell) so held on November 29, dismissing the defendant's appeal from Sir Hugh Park who, sitting as a judge of the High Court on December 4, 1987, had refused to strike out the plaintiff's action for want of prosecution, and allowing the plaintiff's cross-appeal from his order that he limit his claim for past loss of earnings to losses before January 1,

The Court of Appeal made tiff's former solicitors pay personally the costs of the hearings below. LORD JUSTICE MAY said

that, without deciding the point, he could see nothing inherently wrong with a judge taking from a plaintiff an undertaking so to limit his claim as to eliminate any serious financial prejudice. That course was not appropriate here since there had been no serious prejudice.

#### **Interest term** implied in unpaid loan

Baylis and Another v Barnett and Others

Where an employer in 1976 had lent his employee money for a six-month period pursuant to an oral agreement which contained no term as to interest, to enable home for himself and his wife, and the employer had known that the employer was borrowing from his bank to finance the loan, a term would be implied into the agreement that the employee would indemnify the employer in respect of the interest which he would have to pay the bank.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Gidewell) so held on December 2! (Lord Justice May dissenting), substantially

dissenting), substantially dismissing the defendants ap-peal from Judge de Cunha who. peal from Judge de Cumha who, sitting as a judge of the High Court on August 25 and October 20, 1987, had given judgment against them for the first plain-uiff for, inter alia, £13,000 principal and £32,546 interest.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDE-WELL said that he had no doubt whatever that if the "officious whatever that if the "officious bystander" had asked the parties whether they intended that the defendants should indemnify the first plaintiff for any interest which he had to pay to the bank they would have said "Yes". This was one of those rare cases where the court was justified in implying such a term on the basis that it was certain

that such had been the intention of the parties. TO PLACE YOUR

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# Time to turn away from gold and discover the virtues of base metals

Mining markets are happily saying goodbye to gold and turning to North American base metal companies.

While The Times's five mining shares for 1988 have sparkled compared with both the gold price and more especially the FT Gold Mines Index, only three shares are up and two down — to give the portfolio an average growth of 3.15 per cent.

The London gold price, which a year ago stood at \$486.50 and is now about \$417.75 (£231.67), showed a 14.1 per cent fall, while the portfolio's spread and the avoidance of any direct South African gold mining share saved it from the fate suffered by the FT Gold Mines Index down by 46 per cent over the past 12 months.

The 1988 selections were Asarco, down 3.66 per cent; Ashton, down 3.39 per cent; Inspiration Resources, up 3.65 per cent; RTZ, up 17.43 per cent; and Western Mining, up

This year will be remembered best for the excitement of the takeover battle by Minorco for Consolidated Gold Fields.

The fight is still only in round one, and will run for some while yet. In turn, all the Charter and Johnson Matthey) will continue to dance. Anglo American/De Beers

in all its history is never divid known to have lost a fight, and ConsGold's defence will be no true. less spirited in 1989 than it



Allen Born: producing profit battle has done only one thing and there is a kicker in its now for mining markets, it has been to focus attention on the

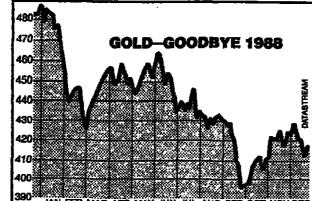
big and the great in the sector. But in selecting five shares for 1989, I have put the emphasis on those companies with important base metal Analysts are hardly com-

plimentary about gold's pros-pects in the new year, and at this stage advise against any undue weight in golds. I agree. Their time may well come, but not yet.

The portfolio suggestions for 1989 are: ◆ Amax (\$22). Amax is no longer a dirty word.

Investors have had time to related shares (including monitor the actions of the revitalized executive team under Mr Allen Born, and quarterly results and resumed dividend payments demonstrate that dreams can come

The group has strong expo-



quoted Amax Gold Inc.

All leading businesses are producing profits, and following strong nine-month figures. end-September, the 1988 financial year ending Decem-ber 31 should turn out to be one of progress after many years of depressed earnings. ears of depressed earnings. Other strings to its bow There is every reason to include molybdenum, coal

expect higher dividends. • Cyprus Minerals (\$315/8). The copper price is likely to average about 105 cents a pound next year, compared with 118 cents in 1988.

The projections made by the Paris-based Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in its recent they could be wel survey, coupled with other demand forecasts, suggest a Greenwich Res demand forecasts, suggest a Greenwich Resources (83p). fairly flat performance from After all its technical problems the metal,

But companies with copper connections are still making what one analyst calls "ob-scene profits" out of the metal, ras in 1988.

Sure to aluminium, its coal inand should the copper price the shares knocked to their life the Minorco-ConsGold terests are gathering strength, move up rather than down, lowest level ever, Greenwich

panies will be falling over themselves with cash. Cyprus Minerals is now the second largest US producer, and as a result of a number of strategic moves the management has transformed pros-

and gold. Quarterly reports issued so

far this year suggest that when the 1988 financial year is ruled off, profits will have jumped dramatically from the \$26.2 million level seen in 1987. The 1988 profits could turn

out at \$140 million, and then they could be well above \$219 at the Gebeit gold mine in the Sudan this year, with the temporary loss of the gold vein, and the subsequent loss

of investment, which has seen

portfolio in 1989.

However, the group has some promising exploration activities in other parts of the world, including rich acreage in Venezuela (gold and diamonds), a producing gold operation in Australia, and

exploration licences in Egypt. It could take a while before investment sentiment is reestablished, and the share price will remain shaky in the short term. However, there remains a reasonable foundation on which to place specu-

● Phelps Dodge (\$51%). It is the largest US copper pro-ducer, and in turn a significant player in the base metals field.

The corporate objective is to reduce production costs to below 50 cents a pound, to diversify further into noncopper operations, and to increase gold production. The investment boat may

have already pulled away from the quay because the shares have been strong runners in December. But in any portfolio, quality

still counts. • Whim Creek (87p). In spite of earlier comments about gold shares, Whim Creek, the

Australian mining company, is included for yield support. At the current price level a yield of 7.8 per cent is of considerable comfort even if the gold price is flat. And some modest exposure to gold is no bad thing, even in these

Colin Campbell

#### GILT-EDGED

# Cash looks best bet until the bull market stages comeback

Any attempt to control one economic variable, or several, must lead to greater volatility in others. Thus Mr Lawson's attempt to produce a "soft landing" for the economy - to reduce inflation with only a gradual fall in economic growth - is likely to lead to substantial volatility in British interest rates and the value of sterling in 1989.

A clue to what 1989 has in store can be found in the gilt market in 1988.

gilt yield curve and the curve 11/2 per cent. on December 31 1987. The vield curve is a plot of vield on gilts against term to maturity, so it gives a measure of the public sector debt repayment cost per annum to the government of borrowing money for of gilts. Many long-term finana given length of time. Equally it gives a measure of the return buyers of these over-15 year of a slowdown in Britain and to the investor in government gilts, but average maturities securities with a given term.

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The contrast between the two curves could not be stronger. We have moved from a fairly flat curve to the corporate bond issues over the current crisis shape, with very

high short-term interest rates. If one looks for the bestperforming sector, then long over long gilts produces a cost index-linked have come top, of borrowing of 10.6 to 11.1 with the best issue giving a total return of just under 14 per cent. The worst performers were the low coupon stocks, which were adversely affected by the reduction of higher rate tax to 40 per cent. 1988, vields at the long end on their way down. In the

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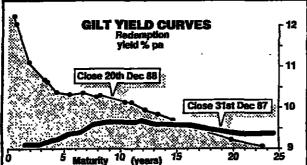
made sense of its provisions?

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The chart shows the current They gave a return of about will be relatively stable in 1989, with supply balancing The yields at the long end demand. By contrast, yield short maturities.

have rem because of the high level of and the consequent buying-in cial institutions are still avid are shortening. This strategy could be

wrong, as there have already been a number of ultra-long past few months and there may well be a lot more to come. Even 1.5 to 2 per cent per cent, which compares favourably with base rates at 13 per cent. Thus the corporate sector is likely to fill in

the gap in the bond market. This suggests that, as in

by universal use of the term One board of directors which But it did not, fortunately, stop

rate notes) yielding 13 per cent will be difficult to beat from the investor's point of view.

Once it is clear that yields

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short rates up again.

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And goodbye to all that

won't be sad to see the back of the flow of information. Scrim-

1988 is Citicorp Scrimgeour geour, it must be said, how-

Vickers. The firm was hit ever, is still very much in

can fall, it is quite likely that the yield curve will revert to its end-1987 shape. Thus, just as the over four to seven-year gilts underperformed on the way down, they will outperform on the way up. This idea contradicts con-

short run, cash (or floating

ventional wisdom that the longest stock will do best in a bull market. Conventional wisdom has not however, been very good at explaining the dynas individual gilts over the past few months, when price These high short-term in- few months, when price terest rates will keep sterling moves in shorts and longs have been typically about the firm in early 1989. Eventually,

however, more positive signs The long end will be stuck at abroad will emerge. At the its current level as supply point when the slowdown from the corporate sector emerges, the interest rates can matches demand from institutions. Only a decisive fall in This in turn is likely to short yields would alter this.

If this view is correct, investors should maintain a make sterling vulnerable. Britain's balance-of-payments dehigh level of cash initially in 1989. When the time comes ficit is unlikely to improve significantly in 1989. If the for the ball phase - well into protection of high interest rates diminishes, sterling cou-ld be hit, and this would force the year, one suspects - stocks with three to 10 years' maturity will do best.

Timing is uncertain and it is **Dr Richard Golding** quite possible that it will be Head of Bond Market more than a year before short-Research, Kleinwort term interest rates are finally

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#### Sanderson agrees \$4m purchase

USM-quoted computer systems supplier, has provisionally agreed a deal worth about \$4 million (£2.22 million) that will give it control of General Automation, a US group.

GA equity.

GA with a \$1.75 million convertible loan. The conversion and warrant exercise prices are 70 cents a share. Sanderson will also have the

nd to nominate three of GA

# By Our City Staff Sanderson Electronics, the

Under the terms of the

proposed deal, GA will issue Sanderson with warrants to buy up to 51 per cent of the Sanderson will also provide

right to top up its stake in order to maintain its interest,

#### ECONOMIC VIEW

# Forecasting the future yet ignorant of today

The year 1988 is one economic forecasters will prefer to forget. At the beginning of the year the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development was writing about "the risk of a recession" if turmoil continued in financial markets. A year later it was writing that "economic conditions in the OECD area currently appear more buoyant than at any time since the early 1970s."

A pattern which appeared at the end of last year to be one of low growth becoming lower turned out to be one of quite rapid growth becoming faster still. In the shadow of the stock market crash the OECD was forecasting average growth in its member countries of 2.75 per cent in 1987 falling to 2 per cent in 1988. It now appears that growth in 1987 averaged 3.3 per cent while growth in 1988 is likely to be nearly double the previous forecast at 4 per cent.

The OECD's experience was parallelled by that of most other forecasters. In Britain, the budget forecast of 3 per cent growth is turning out at 4.5 per cent or more. Every new forecast in West Germany, which began the year as the laggard of Europe, projects higher output. Japan has vaulted over the problem of a higher dollar to grow by more than 7 per cent. And even the US will grow by nearly 4 per cent rather than under 3 per

cent as expected. Why did everyone get it so wrong? The conventional answer is that the worldwide relaxation of monetary policy in response to the stock market crash served to boost an economy which in the event was little affected by lower share prices. But this can hardly be the whole

In most countries interest rates started to go up again almost before they had finished coming down. Evidently, the major economies were already growing faster at the time of the crash than most people suspected, but there were other factors which only gradually became evident.

The OECD in its Economic Outlook, published last week, has had the humility to look back at some of the reasons why its forecasts turned out to be so misleading. Policy changes cannot easily be blamed.

relaxed than assumed in Japan, iscal policy was slightly more Canada and France, but in the US and Britain it was, if anything, tighter with the US budget deficit turning out smaller than expected and the British surplus bigger.

Except in the US, monetary growth was faster than anticipated, but shortterm interest rates were higher almost everywhere.

The main miscalculations were on the supply side. Britain is by no means the only country to have experienced a productivity miracle - though, starting lower base it has pronounced here.

Rising productivity in most of the leading economies has allowed real wages to increase and profits to expand, sustaining both a higher rate of growth in consumer spending than expected and buoyant investment

In spite of under-estimating growth substantially the OECD, if anything, over-estimated the average rate of inflation, which reinforces the idea that economies have been increasing output by becoming more efficient.

Higher demand did play a part in some countries. In Britain and France, for instance, financial deregulation promoting competition in lending helped to boost spending at the expense of net saving. House prices were particularly buoyant in Britain and Japan and that reinforced confidence. Widening. current account deficits in a few countries also contributed to demand, Britain's deficit adding an estimated 0.5 per cent to output in the rest of Europe.

Some of these factors should have been picked up by the forecasters. But economic forecasting is still ill-adapted to the task of tracking changes in the efficiency with which economies work a severe limitation when "structural adjustment" is the watchword of practically every government, no matter what its political colour.

Can forecasts which were so wrong last ear be equally wrong again? Some of the factors which confused the forecasters will be less significant in the coming year.

n Britain, for instance, higher interest rates should boost saving and eventually reduce the current account deficit, though it is not clear how far deregulation and competition among financial institutions will affect the response to monetary tightening. But there will no doubt be other complications with which to contend.

Forecasters would have more chance of getting their projections right if, before they set out the future, they knew a bit more about the present. When the Government comes to decide its response to the recommendations of the Cabinet Office inquiry on statistics, it should reflect that the cost of making the wrong policy decisions is likely to be farhigher than the cost to public spending of improving statistical information.

Meanwhile, the fallibility of shortterm forecasts further enhances the value of Britain's medium-term strategy. Setting down a series of numbers as a framework for economic development over the medium term does not put the economy on automatic pilot and absolve policy-makers of any need to make judgements. But it does provide a point of reference.

If the Government had reacted more literally to the acceleration in the narrow measure of the money supply, MO, earlier in the year then, with hindsight, it would have taken better decisions.

Rodney Lord Economics Editor

#### **US NOTEBOOK**

# Economy on course for steady growth as inflation mania proves unfounded

This has been a splendid year the increase in the rate of "consensus" forecast, but in- and stable medium to long-for the US and there are inflation (about 8 per cent). In stead have been stocking up term interest rates. The yieldprospects of a continuation of steady economic growth with low inflation, a declining balance of payment deficit and a declining federal budget deficit in 1989.

Indeed, the US system is proving flexible and controlled, with growth in inflation contained.

While the "consensus" in 1988 has been frozen with terror at the prospect of accelerating inflation, the year has brought precious little in the way of fact to support a mania that has dogged the fixed income market all year. By November, the producer price index was up 3.2 per cent on November 1987. By October, the consumer price index

was 4.3 per cent above the level of October 1987. By now the US economy will have experienced most of the inflationary effects of the huge money growth bulge that occurred between December

rate of inflation and M2 rose inflation. A drastic slowdown in

two years is going to produce even slower inflation in 1989 powerful enough to produce a similar effect in economic growth.

While the analysts and economists who make up the "consensus" have been arguing, wrongly, that there is going to be a marked rise in believed Merrill Lynch's fore-the inflation rate, market cast that medium and long-participants have been bitterly term interest rates in the US engaged in a huge operation of are going to be much lower by stripping US bonds.

US bonds have been stripped and have been selling quickly. By now, there is a negligible stock of stripped US bonds. These stripped bonds are sold in two parts - the zero coupon bond and the coupons.

Zero coupon bonds have been selling very strongly. This tells us that investors

Maybox's 50 shareholders.

Sixty per cent of Maybox

shares are controlled by six in-

stitutions, two of which have

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Another 15 per cent are held

by two chief executives, Mr

Stephen Waley-Cohen and Mr

Equity, the actors' union,

has protested that control of

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has sold well because there is a two and a half times the rate of widespread expectation that medium and long-term interest rates in the US are going money growth over the past to fall and the dollar has reached a medium-term low. Zero coupon US paper is

and 1990. The slowing may be therefore attractive to domestic and foreign buyers alike. Large gains can be made on zero coupon paper when interest rates fall. From what we know of the action in the market for strips,

the market participants have the end of next year than they This year, something like are this year. However, we \$40 billion (£22.18 billion) of also know that industrial expansion is continuing and that there is a good prospect that expansion in general will continue into 1989 at a moderate pace.

Several forces may allow for a continuation of the recent growth of the US economy and of the industrial sector. • Low money growth has led

the two years to December on zero coupon paper in a big on the long bond was 8.89 per 1986, M1 rose four times the way. The zero coupon paper cent on July 31 last year and was 8.96 per cent on December 13, this year. • The deregulated financial

markets have been an important influence during the six-year expansion now completed. Any tendency for inflation or deflation to get out of hand has been immediately countered by a rise or fall of bond prices, deterring large cyclical swings. • An under-valued currency.

The US is cheap — both in-terms of assets and of tradeable goods. An apparently substantial available labour supply.

 Modest increases in earnings and prices. It is desirable continually to

re-examine long-held assumptions. One is that a trade cycle. is "inevitable." But low money growth

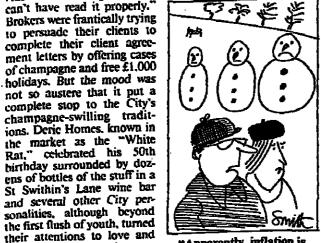
extending back two years, coupled with the other factors mentioned, may allow the US to continue to grow modestly, but continuously.

Maxwell Newton

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the age of 51, Peter Thompson, who retired as BZW's chief equity strategist at the age of 60, and Tim Congdon, chief UK economist at Shearson. Their younger col- have its lighter moments leagues meanwhile sought



"Apparently, inflation is next year's biggest worry

of Liffe was impounded by Irish customs officials who thought it must be a pornographic movie. They must have been sorely disappointed.

partners of firms, deserted the Square Mile in 1988, complaining that it had all changed for the worse, their fears were confirmed in August when Nigel Althans, the Government broker, dressed in his traditional top hat, was refused admission to the floor of the Stock Exchange by an over-zealous waiter beause he did not have the right pass to

Phillips & Drew director medical preparations for pitti-Geoffrey Redman-Brown, at ples as the chocolate war raging between Britain and Switzerland for control of Rowntree, showered the Square Mile in sugar-rich goodies. And the year did such as when a Phillips & Drew video entitled The Facts

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#### A poem that has been doing the rounds in the Square Mile sums up 1988 more succinctly

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proudly sat Outside every Docklands flat; Dozed from many a drinking-Your yuppie's now a lager lout. See him, failed, tired, and

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we sleep, Hears older brokers' children Many a half-starved lass or laddie, whimpers: "What's a bonus, Daddy? Dad, as empty stockings wait,

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#### and M2 rose about the same as have not believed the to conditions of price stability Maybox bid meeting

Maybox, the public unquoted per cent of the shares held by company which runs six of London's theatres, is to hold an extraordinary meeting by the end of next month to confirm acceptances for the £2.50 a share (£7.1 million) offer by Chesterfield Properties. There is also a £3-a-sbare offer from Mr Robert Holmes a Court's Stoll Moss group, which runs the London Palladium and 11 other theatres.

Chesterfield is claiming irrevocable acceptances for 77.7

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effective from the same date. From and including that date the new rate will be applied to all balances on which interest accrues. The cash advance service charge remains unaltered at 1.5% of the amount !

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# · How to get the muesli watchers

Susan d'Arcy examines Channel 4's plans to bring broadsheet television to breakfast time

hannel 4 will be adding the "muesli factor" to the breakfast television menu when it launches its early morning service this spring. The station has just announced the contracts for the £10 million, sevenday, still unnamed service. The launch date is still under wraps, but it is certain that Channel 4's programme will be aimed at a more sophisticated audience with informative, pacy programmes, offering a departure from the "cosy chat with someone wearing a woolly jumper" tradition of TV-am and the BBC's Breakfast Time.

Breakfast Time was the first of the genre, unexpectedly pipping TV-am to the post with a surprise launch on January 17 in 1983. TV-am came on air shortly afterwards but the BBC's offering, led by Frank Bough and Selina Scott, trounced its rival, grab-bing almost 80 per cent of the total audience. Within a year, fortunes had begun to reverse and by the end of 1986 TV-am was commanding a twothirds share of the ratings. The rise of the ITV programme on the back of Roland Rat is well documented but slightly exaggerated — its success is also due to a reduction in transmission

hours of the BBC service. In keeping with its remit, Channel 4 will not recreate the existing programmes but provide an alternative. The senior commissioning editor, David Lloyd, suspects that many of those in our audience will be new to breakfast television, or those who tried it early on and rejected it". He believes the service will plug the information gap the other programmes have missed. "Our service will be more of a

broadsheet than a tabloid," he says. Its format will consist initially of four individual programmes, each of between 11 and 15 minutes, linked by a continuity service. These programmes will be repeated several times during the three and a half hour run of transmission in regular slots. The in-house editor, Rachel Attwell,

recently poached from Breakfast Time, where she was deputy editor, explains that this style of programme should help people allocate time in their busy morning schedules to watch specific items, thus securing viewer-loyalty. The format also helps to keep down costs.

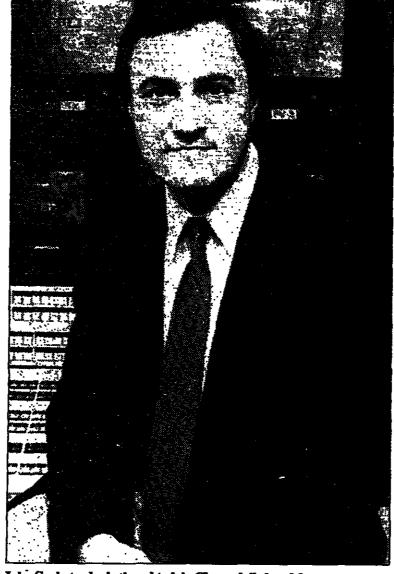
The four basic modules will come from ITN, Mentorn Films, Roach and Partners and Business Television. ITN will produce an international news service with presenters in three locations: London (probably John Suchet), Washington, and somewhere in the Far East. Home news will be treated in the context of its global significance. ITN will also provide headlines on each quarter-hour, and is bidding for the continuity.

Mentorn will provide an arts and entertainment package, "It won't be a listings guide but a critical appraisal of the arts scene," says Mentorn's managing director, Tom Gutteridge. "This is something that is not covered at the moment - certainly the Today programme doesn't cover the arts."

There will also be a daily consumer segment from Roach and Partners, run by Jill Roach, a former producer of John Craven's Newsround. A business show will come from Business Television, which makes the weekly Business Programme and the lunchtime Business Daily for Channel 4.

The channel is also toying with other ideas, including a mini-soap and a sports service at the weekend, but cannot yet be sure it can afford them until it knows its exact budget (roughly estimated to be between £10 and £12 million). This will be 17 per cent of TV-am's advertising revenues for the year ending on January 31, 1989. In return, TV-am will sell the new channel's advertising space in an arrangement similar to that which Channel 4 has with the ITV network.

Attwell is optimistic about advertising prospects, and believes the segmentation will prove attractive to



John Suchet, who is tipped to join Channel 4's breakfast news service

advertisers, allowing them to target campaigns to specific audiences. The business programme and news section should attract a higher AB audience than TV-am traditionally captures less than 10 per cent of TV-am's average audience is in the AB bracket.

Its advertising revenue will, of course, depend on the size of its audience, but Lloyd expects a "very respectable" rating this would presumably fall somewhere close to the BBC's average of about 900,000. Lloyd and Attwell do not see the Radio 4 Today programme, to which the proposed service has been likened, as a threat, but expect people to use

Perhaps a more immediate worry for the newcomer will be the revamp of Breakfast Time. Bob Wheaton, formerly editor of the Six o'Clock News and a corporation heavyweight, has been drafted in to give Breakfast Time a "harder news edge". Insiders say the programme will adopt an

American-style rolling news format.

Despite the arrival of a third service. a question mark must remain over whether the battle for supremacy of the sunrise hours is really just a storm in an egg cup. In America and some parts of Europe, breakfast television has become part of the morning ritual, but six years on in Britain the total audience for breakfast television is eight million people spread over more than six hours, whereas in the eve-nings the combined audience for the Nine o'Clock News and the News at Ten in the space of less than an hour, is

more than 15 million. "Why let your screen be dark when it could be light?" Lloyd asks, claiming that broadcasters are just around the corner from cracking the market. But as Breakfast Time's audience ratings continue to nose-dive, and we enter an age of deregulated, low-budget programmes, perhaps broadcasters short of money will find it necessary to

# Any number can play

reparations for numer-ons television listings magazines 200 supplements are being pushed forward with renewed urgency following a decision by the European Commission last week.

The commission ruled that the BBC, ITP, the publica-tions arm of ITV, and RTE, the Irish state broadcasting company, were wrong to seek an injunction preventing Dublin-based Magill TV Guide from publishing a weekly preview of television in the Irish Republic and Ulster. It has given them two months to say how they intend to comply

with the judgment.

But if the eagerness of British publishers to enter the potentially lucrative, but highly competitive, television listings market is anything to go by, the carefully maintained dnopoly of the BBC's Radio Times and ITP's TV Times on

programme details may well have been overthrown by then. New publications will come in two main categories — free supplements inserted in existing newspapers and magazines, and specially created paid-for publications. Given the Irish nature of the ruling, the first British breach of the duopoly may come in Irish editions of national newspapers. For example, according to News International, all its titles except *Today* would print television sur sgow for the Irish market. But NI's managing director, Bill O'Neill, stresses: "We don't propose to go off at half-cock or blatantly breach copy-

right law." It has been suggested that publishers will carry copyrighted programme information from the BBC and ITV under licence. Details of the licensing fees have yet to be arranged, and could form the basis of the broadcasters' reply to Brussels.

Apart from News Inter-national, Associated Newspapers has plans on the drawing board for a You magazine insert, as part of the Mail on Sunday package. One source suggests the same insert might go in another Associated publication, Tit-bits. Newspapers with newly established Saturday supplements — The Daily Telegraph, The Independent and The

Publishers are ready to exploit the end of a TV listings duopoly





Radio Times: likely to move

up-market to attract readers

Guardian (the Daily Express's plans are not known) — are also interested in entering the television listings market, largely to pre-empt the Sundays, which will be the other greater purveyors of listings supplements, along with the Evening Standard, Maxwell and leading provincial newspaper groups.
The paid-for field is more

difficult, largely because nei-ther Radio Times nor TV Times will give up readily its market dominance. If required to produce four channel (plus, possibly, satellite) listings, both publications will compete strongly. The Radio Times is likely to move up-market, the TV Times will go slightly wnmarket and target women readers. The BBC and ITP could try to edge competition

give up its market dominance

out of the newsagents' shelves by publishing additional mar-ket-specific magazines. For example, ITP could turn Chat into a female-oriented television listings tabloid.

Competition will come from Murdoch Magazines, which is recruiting staff for a television entertainment magazine, along the lines of owner Rupert Murdoch's recent US acquisition, TV Guide, but not necessarily the same format. Believed to be initially geared to the launch of Murdoch's Astra satellite in February, it could easily be expanded to carry terrestial listings. West German magazine publishers also hope to secure a slot in the market.

Others with dummies ready are IPC, which published TV World for Lew Grade in the mid-1960s, and is keen, under chief executive John Mellon, to get back in the field; EMAP, a natural for the youth-oriented television listings market; and Time Out, which has led the campaign to

overturn the duopoly.

Sapplanting Radio Times, and TV Times will not be easy. or cheap. Collating and regionalizing information is a substantial publishing enter-prise. TV Times currently uses 40 sub-editors to produce 400 editorial pages in 13 editions.

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Bonanza Boy was a handi-cap certainty if judged on the

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The trainer then said that

Strands Of Gold had fully

to finish to win the Findus Anniversary Hurdle by 20

lengths. Shannon Spray, scoring for the tenth time, was bought as an ambroken three-year-old for

Another live contender

The Ladbroke emerged at Lim-erick where Kingsmill, unraced

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Hurdle in March, carried top

not to send Barnbrook Again for

today's Black and White Whisky Champion Chase, Wea-ther The Storm is fancied to

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Have A Barney reaps

reward for consistency

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

By tradition, Arthur Moore's in the picture for next month's

jumpers do not reach their peak renewal when she led from start until Christmas and Have A to finish to win the Findus

lost his confidence.

home by 12 lengths from Run And Skip, the 1985 winner, in the Coral Welsh National at Chepstow yesterday.

The Thinker, the 1987 Cheltenham Gold Cup winnight Madness and Torside. ner, covered himself with glory by finishing third, attempting to concede 221b to Bonanza Boy and 211b to the

runner-up. The widely-cheered victory of the 9-4 favourite was the second leg of a four-timer for the all-conquering team of Peter Scudamore and Martin

"This has been Bonanza Boy's target all season," said the record-breaking Wellington trainer afterwards. "I told everyone that if there was such a thing as a certainty in a race as tough as the Welsh National, this was it. It's all down to the horse and the brilliant Peter Scudamore. He spent hours schooling him to restore his confidence.

Scudamore settled Bonanza Boy down behind the leaders as Midnight Madness and Run And Skip cut out the early running. At this stage The Thinker and Aquilifer were towards the rear of the

The moment of truth came round the final term when Run And Skip and Bonanza Boy went clear of their rivals jumping the fifth fence from recovered from the effects of

Barney duly managed to reverse earlier form with Hangary Hur in the Findus Handicap Chase

The winner and Feltrim Hill Lad started 3-1 joint-favourites and the race worked out accord-

ingly with Feltrim Hill Lad duly

providing the last and most

dangerous challenge to Have A Barney, who battled on the

The winner has been splen-didly consistent, finishing out of

the first four only twice in 19 runs under National Hunt rules.

Shannon Spray, runner-up to Roork in this year's running of

better to win by half a length.

Bonanza Boy landed a major home. The Thinker was in a his heavy fall at Ascot and that public gamble when romping challenging position, but the Hennessy winner will now challenging position, but the Hennessy winner will now be aimed at the Anthony Aquilifer was losing touch. Quickly forging ahead, the Mildmay Peter Cazalet Memorial Chase at Sandown on favourite won unchallenged.

The Thinker finished 25 Saturday week. The Thinker is now a 10-1 lengths away in third place, chance to repeat his Gold Cup followed by Border Lad, Midvictory. Although it would Aquilifer was pulled up before the third fence from have been even more encouraging to have seen him finish closer to Run And Skip, home. "He just died under me," Graham Bradley said. the 10-year-old is now clearly There must be something on course for Cheltenham.

"He took the honours of the race," Alan Merrigan said.
"He just tired under the weight in the going at the third

of 1987, when he beat Ballyhane by four lengths at Ascot, but he subsequently Pipe and Scudamore's relentless march forward is becoming a case for the Monopolies Commission. Transferred to Pipe by his With only half of the seasongone, the jockey, with 109 winners already to his

owner Steve Dunster this summer, the seven-year-old had given clear evidence of his rejuvenation when winning by 20 lengths at Newton Abbot in credit, must be in with a sporting chance of becoming to ride 200 winners in a Bonanza Boy is now quoted at 20-1 for the Grand Nat-The trainer, after complet-

ional. "He could go anywhere and the National certainly isn't ruled out," said the ing a five-timer with Pertemps Network at Wolverhampton, is now on the 99 mark. Pipe has no runners today but "I think that basically he's several possibilities at his local just a handicapper. Every win track, Taunton, tomorrow. is still a big thrill, though. And I now know what Jenny

The previous fastest hundred by a trainer was recorded by Michael Dickinson on March 8, 1983. Pipe's spectacular rise to

fame began at Cheltenham in 1981 when Baron Blakeney gave the stable its first - and as yet only - victory at the National Hunt Festival in the Daily Express Triumph

Yesterday Enemy Action became 16-1 joint-favourite with Kiichi, Vayrua and Nomadic Way for this season's four-year-old championship when storming home by 12 lengths from Magnus Pym in the Finale Junior Hurdle. "He loved the heavy ground and is on target for Cheltenham." said the trainer.

Pipe's other two winners were Fu's Lady and Elegant Isle. Fu's Lady, who had been Scudamore's 100th winner of the season at Haydock and who was giving Bonanza Boy's owner a double, will now be rested after recording her fourth victory off the reel in the Wiseacre Handicap Chase.



#### Kribensis shows title sparkle hard-ridden to maintain his

Kribensis maintained his unbeaten record with a smooth two-length defeat of Floyd in the Top Rank Christmas Hurdle at Kempton Park yesterday, and remains clear favourite for the Waterford Crystal Champion

Hills clipped the winner from 11-4 to 5-2 for the big race at Cheltenham and, while Kribensis did not impress all his critics, he ran out a decisive winner, and has not put a foot wrong this season.

Michael Stoute will now give

Kribensis a brief rest before running Sheikh Mohammed's grey in one of the trials for the Champion Hurdle. "It wouldn't worry me if he didn't run again before Cheltenham. He's a very easy horse to train. If the weather was bad and the horses are held up, it will worry mine less than any of them. For the first time in his six

races over hurdles, Kribensis jumped like a champion. Floyd, a confirmed front-runner, set a sensible pace under Simon Sherwood but was joined by Sprowston Boy before half-way, with Kribensis close behind. The novice Wishlon improved rapidly to deprive that pair of the advantage three flights out, but Kribensis

quickening to lead at the second

last, soon put daylight between

advantage to the line. "He's still learning the job," Stoute said. "His education has been very smooth, but you must remember that he hasn't met the Floyd did enough to keep his

place in the Champion Hurdle field and Ron Smyth was delighted by the performance of Wishlon, who finished third, four lengths behind the runner-

Richard Dunwoody, rider of Kribensis, was impressed by his mount yesterday and Stoute hopes that the partnership will remain intact for the Champion Hurdle, However, Dunwoody is also the regular rider of Celtic Chief, one of the second favourites for the big race. "It's too early to make a decision yet — there's still plenty of time," Dunwoody said.

In the parade ring before the Rank Motorway Services Nov-

**Desert Orchid thriving** 

Desert Orchid returned to David Elsworth's Whitsbury stable in fine form after his exhilarating win in the King George VI Rank Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day (George Rae

"He's marvellous," Elsworth said yesterday, "absolutely jumping and kicking. The plan is still to keep thinking in terms "absolutely

However, after jumping the second last with the leader, Nohalmdun found little when let down by Lorcan Wyer. The pair rose as one at the final fence but Biloxi Blues paid the price for getting too close to the obstacle, leaving Nohalmdun to

Nohalmdun jumped and ran sluggishly. Nonetheless, he moved up to join Biloxi Blues early in the straight, seemingly going the better.

fell four fences from home,

come home alone. Jockey Ronnie Beggan thought Biloxi Blues would have upset the favourite if he had kept his feet, a view shared by most onlookers.

Panto Prince was an impressive winner of the Who Framed

Chandler Handicap at Ascot break in Australia late next

are likely to be on the ager

"He has been cantering for the owner, Richard Burridge, after which Cheltenham festival plans

Count for on favourite, was sweating pro-fusely and looked ill at ease.
Facing only two rivals, including Generally Right, who fall four General was a constant to the late challenge. festival Midnight Count jumped of Saffron Lord by two lengths the runner-up having forfeited his chance by jumping lethar-gically half-way through the

magnificently to win by eight lengths from Somerled on his eagerly-awaited seasonal re-appearance in the Castleford Chris Popham, the trainer of Chase at Wetherby yesterday.
Winning trainer Josh Gifford
said: "There's only one plan now
the Queen Mother Champion
Chase at Cheltenham. 1 Panto Prince, has a high opinion of his prolific winner who is "75 per cent certain" to contest the valuable Vincent O'Brien Gold wouldn't even mind if he didn't race again before the festival." Cup at Leopardstown in February, en route to Cheltenham for the Queen Mother Cham-pion Chase. "He'll go any trip— he's got the class," Popham said. Brendan Powell, who rode

1 auf 25

Nigel Tinkler could not find a jockey for Leon in the Bramham Novices' Handicap Hurdle - so rode the horse to victory himself. The Malton trainer, whose public rides these days are normally restricted to a few on the Fiat, said: "I was only fourth choice here, after Graham McCourt, Mark Dwyer and Ger The winner's task was made easier by the departure of Nord AC at the fifth-last fence. The French challenger had been travelling as well as anything

Lyons, but didn't I de well. Perhaps I'll make a comeback." Leon was completing a 594-1 training double for Tinkler, following Bright Aisle's success in the Bradford Novices' Castle Warden for the Grand National, is increasingly optimistic that Pearlyman, the dual champion two-miler, will be fit to defend his crown in Dwyer, who had taken the

sount on Bright Aisle but issed the ride on Leon when claimed by Jimmy Fitzgerald, completed a 37%-1 double on Fragrant Dawn, who best the heavily-backed Young Snagfit by two lengths in the Long Marston Handicap Hurdle.

FOOTBALL: FORWARD STARTS A BATTLE TO PROVE HIS FITNESS AND MANAGER FINISHES THE YEAR WITHOUT A JOB

# Fashanu takes the first step towards reviving his career

The Ladbroke, put herself right repeat last year's win

Justin Fashanu's belief that he is capable of resuming his discuss Fashanu's long-term career, which ended three prospects. "It is still far too years ago, was given more substance vesterday when he trained with Manchester City.

At the invitation of Mel Machin, the City manager, Fashanu joined the senior squad for a light work-out and said that he was hopeful of securing a contract with an English club in the New Year.

"My future is still undecided. I know Mel very well and I would obviously be interested in playing for a club like Manchester City, First, I must prove my fitness," he

The former Norwich City and Nottingham Forest forward was forced to retire from professional football in 1985 by a serious knee injury.

But after 12 months of intensive treatment in a leading American rehabilitation clinic he believes he is nearing early to say what will happen.

"At the moment it is simply a case of having a good look at Justin to see whether or not he has fully recovered from the injury problems which forced him out of the game," he said.

"He has told me that his knee is now perfectly all right but we will just have to wait

"I am fully aware of Justin's ability, having worked along-side him at Norwich. He was a £1 million footballer and has the sort of qualities that I like to see in a striker," he added.

Fashanu, the elder brother of Wimbledon's John, had been expected to link up with Leeds United on his return to England, but he changed his plans after Machin arranged for him to fly from London to

Looking to the future: Justin Fashanu at work with Tony Book, the Manchester City trainer

#### Barcelona told Award for van Basten that Gullit crowns Dutch year is not for sale Rome (Reuter) - Silvio

In the voting for the "Ballon

d'Or" (Golden Football), van

Basten narrowly beat his Dutch

and club colleagues, Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard. Another player from Milan, the

Italian sweeper, Franco Baresi, placed eighth.

Milan, said: "It's a recognition to the Netherlands team which

Arrigo Sacchi, the manager of

Milan (AP) - Marco van Basten, of The Netherlands, said yesterday that he was "happy and proud" to have been named Van Basten said: "The award is all the more appreciated because it came following a the 1988 winner of the "Ballon d'Or," the award given by a French magazine to the best difficult year in which I was faced with a mixture of joy and European player of the year.

Van Basten, aged 24, a forward for the Dutch national team and AC Milan, the Italian league champions, was congratulated by his club colleagues as they resumed training

Van Basten was the leading scorer at the European Champ-ionship in West Germany last summer and recovered from injury in time to play in a few, decisive matches with Milan in

He is Milan's leading scorer in

#### price or for any player in exchange," Berlusconi said. Gullit, the European foot-baller of the year last season, joined AC Milan for £5 million best players. Certainly the goals scored by van Basten in Milan's the European Cup this season line-up weighed on the final and has scored four times in the decision to award it to him."

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Boreham Wood 5, Bracknell 0; Chasham 4, Chalfont 5f Peter 4; Southweck 0, Lawes 0; Unbringle 0, Basingshow 0; Welton and Hersham 1, Worming 2; Welmbley 0, States 2; Vineming 2, Historia 1; Wolding 3, Collier Row 1.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

Second division north: Aveley 1. Tibury 0; Hernel Hempstead 1, Seridamsted 2:

Second division seath: Epsom and Ewell 3. Barreted 0, Flackwell Heath 0. Finchey 0: Herehed 2, Campority 4: Horsten 0, Eastbourne United 4: Patarsteld 2, Molesey 3: Whysecate 2, Chersey 1; Yearang 0, Dorwing 2.

Berlusconi, the president of AC Milan, has rejected an approach from the Spanish club. Barce-

lona, to buy the Dutch midfield player, Rund Gullit.

Berlusconi told the news-paper, Gazzetta dello Sport ves-terday that Barcelona's vice-

president, Juan Gaspart, had

telephoned him recently to ask

whether Milan, who are the

Italian league champions, were prepared to negotiate for

"I gave him the same answer as I did last summer when

Gaspart telephoned to ask for

van Basten. I told him that

Gullit is not available at any

from PSV Eindhoven.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Pirst division: Boots 1, Elec-more Port and Neston 0; Burecough 1, Leyland Mosors 1; Prescot Cables 4, Knowsby 3.

# Nicholl calls Clarke back to Southampton

million-rated Northern Ireland international forward, is caught in a tug of loyalties after finishing a month's loan with neighbouring Bournemouth.
Clarke, who gained his sixteenth international cap against

Spam last week, has scored twice since returning to Dean Court and teaming up with the former England international. Luther Blissers He admits he loves the Dorset

side and relished the chance to step out in front of the crowd three weeks ago, when he scored after coming off the bench against Blackburn Rovers in his first game. Clarke scored 35 goals in his one season with Bournemouth

before moving to Southampton for £400,000 rwo years ago, but he turned to his old club for first-team action this season when he failed to gain a place in Chris Nicholl's champi chasing line-up. The loan period ended on Monday when he scored the goal in the 1-0 victory

Nicholl said: "The month's loan is now over and Colin will be coming back to us. Our squad is not strong enough that we can afford to do without a player like him, especially with so many matches coming up."

Harry Redknapp, the Bourne-

played since they signed Blissett and recruiting Clarke, said yes-terday: "I would have liked to borrow him for another month but it is up to Chris Nicholl. "I get on very well with Colin, and since he came here he has scored two great goals which

have given us points." • Robert Codner, the Brighton midfield player, will miss three matches after damaging ankle ligaments in the 3-1 win over Crystal Palace at the Goldstone Ground. Codner, a £115,000 signing from Barnet, had just returned to the learn after being suspended for three matches.

 Everton's latest casualty is their £850,000 midfield player, Stuart McCall, who was injured in the Boxing Day game against Middlesbrough. Colin Harvey, the Everion manager, said yes-terday: "Stuart took a knock on his side, but we won't know how serious it is until the injury has had time to settle down." McCall joins Ratcliffe and Sharp on the casualty list as they prepare to play Coventry at home on Saturday and Notting-ham Forest away on Monday.

● Wolverhampton Wanderers were yesterday hit by a mystery virus, with six players — Bull, Kendall, Downing, Robinson, Venus and Thompson - suffering from sore throats.

#### close on **Coakley** By Dennis Shaw

Tommy Coakley was yesterday dismissed as manager of Wal-sall. The club's 5-1 home defeat by Oxford on Boxing Day, one of a succession of body blows since its promotion from the third division, prompted an emergency board meeting and the decision to dismiss Coakley and his assistant, Gerry

weeney. Two factors influenced the decision: the club is heading back to whence it came and declining gate receipts are mak-ing the situation even more Coakley has increasingly in-

curred adverse crowd reaction and things were getting worse. The chairman, Barrie Blower, said."It was not those fans who spat at the manager who cost him his job. It was the ones who stayed away. "The decline in gates wa

beginning to undermine the financial stability of the club and this could not be allowed to most humiliating one at holiday time in front of our home

The Fellows Park manager had recently been given a re-prieve until some time in the new year, depending on results, but the completion of an all-time record sequence of 11 successive Cup and League de-feats changed all that feats changed all that

Coakley, one of the most decent and reasonable men to grace the management business since he was introduced as an "unknown" by the former club owner. Terry Ramsden, ex-pected the decision. "Had I not won promotion last season, I would have lost my job long before this," he said, "Going up kept me in work. Now I want to remain in the game."

The quietly spoken Scot felt that he had been placed in a vicious circle by an earlier board ultimatum stating, in effect: 'Improve results, or else."

He explained: "The pressure on the players of their trying to keep me in the job was too much

Undoubtedly a big factor in Walsall's inability to achieve results in the second division was the £600,000 sale of David Kelly, the Republic of Ireland forward, to West Ham, a loss over which he had no control. Walsali are to advertise for a replacement. Mark Lawrenson and Terry Yorath were last night regarded as possibilities to full the £30,000-a-year post.

Back in the fold Baghdad (Reuter) - Kuwait best Iraq 2-0 in an international football match yesterday — the first played in Iraq since FIFA, the world governing body, lifted a four-year ban imposed

because of the Gulf war.

# rie has oven cantering to the last 10 days and there is no sign of a problem." Edwards said. "If all goes well I hope to get one run into him before HOCKEY The gates Sturdy striking by,

By Sydney Friskin

Panto Prince, had earlier initi-

ated a double on Castle Warden

in the Odeon Cinemas Handi-

John Edwards, who will ente

President's XI.

David Francis, Surbiton's short corner specialist, made three conversions yesterday at Cheam where the President's XI defeated the club first team in the annual Boxing Day festival match.

Tony Bennett, the club presi-

dent relying more youth than experience, added yet another link in a long-running chain of successes in a game played every year in memory of the late Richard Hollands, a former hockey correspondent of The Daily Telegraph. The coaching by Ian Fawls, a former Surrey county player, could also have influenced the team's convinc-

Apart from the effective strik-ing by Francis at short corners the speed of the President's men was a telling factor which put Cheam three goals behind by the end of the first balf. If they had seized their chances in the last 10 minutes victory for the opposition might not have been quite so emphatic.

ing victory.

The President's team had five short corners in the first half from which they scored twice. Francis was unsuccessful at his first attempt, Frost in goal having saved well in the fifth minute; two minutes later Fran-cis scored with a crashing shot after a perfect stop by Hunt and added another in similar fashion. A chance to improve on this advantage was lost when Reay-Jones put a shot over the top from Pendeil's pass.

Cheam's sporadic raids in the first 20 minutes looked ineffective, but seven minutes before the interval they launched their first constructive move which

Francis is fruitful was started by Champion, developed by Glasford and ter-minated by David Bennett who just missed the mark. Almost on half time Williams, running at high speed on the right set up a chance for Pendell to score the

third goal. into a more constructive pattern immediately after the resumption of play forced three quick short corners which came to nothing because of difficulty in stopping the hit from the line. Guy Marchant running fast through the middle earned the President's side a short corner and Francis soored his third goal

on the hour.
From that moment the home side stepped into a higher gear and the President's defence was suddenly given a lot of work to do. Habib, in goal, saved at close quarters from Bennett who al-most immediately sent Annabel

away on the left to score a well taken goal.

Inspired by their success Cheam came on strongly and Pettifer who had relieved Phillip McGuire on the left wing came close to a score with a shot which was well smothered by Habib. A shot by Annabel went adrift before the President's XI steadied the boat and emerged comfortable winners.

Cheam are third from the ttom in the Pizza Express London League with only one win and two draws from 10 matches. All their home games are played on grass but they hope to have their own artificial surface in the near future.

CHEAM: M Frost: P Sudell, M Lees, R Champton, J McPhun, A Cowell, T Glasford, D Bennett, M Annabel, P Weyman, P McGuire (sub: L Pattiler). PRESIDENT'S XI: N Habib; I Pinks, U Francia, O McGuire, S Marchant, S Cox, D Williams, G Marchant, N Rezy-Jones, H Hunt, N Pendell. Umpires: K Harrison and C Burton (Southern Counties).

VOLLEYBALL

#### **EVA** hopes for the best The English Volleyball Association (EVA) could hardly have

picked more illustrious partici-pants than those that will assemble at the Rivermead Leisure Centre in Reading on Sunday for the annual New Year invitation women's tournament (Roddy Mackenzie writes),

China and Cuba, ranked No. 1 and No. 2 respectively in the world, will join Peru, the Olympic silver medal-winners. and Czechoslovakia, the European bronze medal-winners, at this unlikely venue. Creditable though it may be

for the EVA to collect such an array of talent (it is the third year they have done so) there is precious little the organzers can do to guarantee that the respec-tive countries will bring their most celebrated talents. Already it is clear that Peru will leave behind a lot of their

Olympic squad, including Cecilia Tait, who was voted the top player in Seoul, and Gabriela Perez del Solar.

The make-up of the Chinese squad is unknown but they have not sent their strongest squad in the past. Cuba have sent their most experienced line-up over the past two years.

Organizing such an event is a Organizing such an event is a drain on the EVA finances, especially without sponsorship, but it has not shied clear of attracting the best players and considering taking the tournament to the Albert Hall in January 1990.

England are not playing in the tournament proper but will play

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2.0 JACOB MARLEY NOVICES CHASE (£2,16P

# Givus A Buck to confirm potential

David Elsworth can continue his excellent recent run of success by saddling Gives A Buck to win the Le Touquet Novices' Hurdle at Folkestone this afternoon.

This imposing Buckskin gelding gained an impressive victory in a National Hunt flat race at Newbury last season but has disappointed in his two outings over hurdles this

He jumped badly and raced with too much enthusiam at both Newbury and Wincanton in the autumn but his skitful trainer can be expected to have ironed out those problems and he is napped to open his account over hurdles in this weak contest.

The likely danger is Somebody, who ran well when fourth behind Tyred N'Snookered on his hurdling debut at Towcester. Improve-ment can be anticipated from this Bustino colt.

In the Sissinghurst Novices' Hurdle, Elsworth is represented by Fit For Firing, an impressive winner at Warwick earlier this month. On this cap chase.

The Stan Mellor-trained gelding, who had good form in France, acquitted himself well on his English debut when chasing home Olympic Times at Uttoxeter.

The form of that contest was enhanced at Kempton on Monday when Olympic Times was successful in a competitive handicap hurdle.

Barney Curley has fond memories of Folkestone, having landed a successful gamble the course with Experimenting 12 months

Today Experimenting can make a successful return in the Royal Oak Motel Handicap Chase despite top weight and lack of an outing this term. Significantly, Experimenting won his first race of last season at Bangor.

After that Folkestone win, in a moderate selling hurdle, Experimenting graduated successfully to handicap hurdle company at Newcastle before returning to the Kent course to land a novice handi-



Barney Curley: sends Experimenting to Folkestone (2.45)

Canford Palm looked a star in the making when hacking uo at Kempton by an easy seven lengths from Vicars Landing, who won his next two races. On his following outing Canford Palm failed to land a serious blow when third when beaten two lengths by behind two good novices, Nohalmdun and Biloxi Blues, ago and can take full advanat Doncaster.

Today I expect him to return to winning form in the Number Engaged Challenge Bowl Novices' Chase. This

half-brother to Special Cargo Problem renew rivalry in the should be well suited by the Woodcock Novices' Hurdle. 21/2 miles he encounters here.

At Newcastle, the talented but erratic Randolph Place makes his seasonal debut in the EBF Grouse Intermediate Chase. Last season the Gordon Richards-trained Pitpan gelding won five of his chases, but failed to complete the course in his other four.

Richards, who has always gelding and believes him to be danger. a Cheltenham Gold Cup horse in the making, sent him to Ian Stark, the Olympic three-day event silver medal winner, for an intensive course of schooling. Today, Randolph Place can show the benefit of that move by comfortably beating his five rivals. The Builder ran very well

after an absence of 20 months tage of the stone he receives from Giolla Padraig, who has had a busy campaign, in the Game Bird Handicap Chase.

113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,Q,S) (Mrs O Robinson) B Hell 12-0 ....

Decent Man and Divine through,

2.15 PARTRIDGE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,106: 2m) (15 runners)

APTRIDGE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,106: 2m) (1: 31 MACHO RAN 28 (0.8) (0 Ward) G Moore 11-2. 212 MB.S MJ. 13 (0.5) (1 Hurst) J O'Nell 11-2. ALMARMEEIGH 78F (Miss L McShaine) P Charton 10-10. U6 CARD PARTY 11 (Mrs. J Waggort) N Waggott 10-10. CO-TACK 22 (22) (0 Waish) J Mulbell 10-10. CO-TACK 22 (22) (0 Waish) J Gillon 10-10. CO-TACK 22 (22) (0 Waish) J Gillon 10-10. CO-TACK 22 (22) (0 Waish) J Gillon 10-10. CO-TACK 24 (22) (0 Waish) G Moore 10-5. CO-TACK 24 (22) (0 Waish) G Moore 10-5. CO-TACK 24 (24) MB. MIL 100-30 Machon Man 2-1 Margariths 10-1 Source.

2.45 EBF GROUSE INTERMEDIATE CHASE (£1,882: 2m) (6 runners)

FORM RANDOLPH PLACE is unbesten in classes where he has completed the course. Showed best form when besting Private Views a distance at Ayr (2m 4t, soft) in January and will be very difficult to best if reproducing that form. HELL STREET won an Auteuil chase on the heavy

Guide to our in-line racecard

Record number. Skr-figure form (F - fell. distance winner. BF - beaten favourite in P - pulled up. U - unsested rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. [F - firm, good to firm, hard. G - good. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days S- soft, good to efft, heavy). Owner in since last outner, F if fist. (B - blinkers. V - veor. H - hood. E - Dyscheld. C - course and veight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and handlesper's rating.

BETTING: 7-4 Mils Mf, 100-30 Marcho Man, 7-1 Macarthur, 10-1 Sovereign Guest, 12-1 Almerreich, 14-1 Mr Therm, Card Party, Thironi, 16-1 others. 1987: GENNARO 3-11-2 8 Storey (9-2) Denys Smith 14 ran

FORM MACHO MAN quickened cleer for a 77 win from Sweet City in a test run Harham novice (2m. soft) last time.

MELS MILL a Wetherby novice winner, finished 412nd to fife well regarded Voyage Sare Fletour (rec 70) at Haydock (2m. soft) lasts twith NACARTHUM. 12h. ALIMARRIEEM showed best Fist form when besting Sweet Enough 51 in a Camerick maiden (1m 71, good to firm).

Selection: MACHO MAM

BETTING: 1-4 Randolph Place, 6-1 Phoenix Gold, 8-1 Hill Street, 20-1 Hazel Bank, 25-1 Canta-Lad,

BETTRIG: 15-8 Wessex, 100-30 Pix Pony, 9-2 Demi John, 6-1 Golden Asset, 8-1 Doughty Rabel, 1 Ambergete, 14-1 others.

1987: EXPERIMENTING 8-10-12 D Murphy (11-10) B Curley 19 ran

last year. Most recent form came at that course in November (2m 2t, soft) when 3t 2nd to Gondollero. ROMAN DUSK best PHOEMIX GOLD (10th worse off) 12t in a handicap hurdle (2m 4f) here in March 1986.

some modest runs this term. Runs off an 8th lower mark than when beating Beaker 2% at Ayr in February.

GOLDEN ASSET was up to form here (3m) lest time when 1113rd of 12 to Bluff Knowl is equally effective at this shorter tip and he goes well in the soft.

Last time out at Catterick Divine Problem had the edge, but today his penalty should enable Decent Man to turn the

At Warwick, Kayudee, the winner of the 1985 Cesarewitch, can make a winning debut over timber in the Bob Cratchit Novices' Hurdle. Deep Flash, who finished fourth behind the useful Rifle held a high opinion of the Range at Haydock, looks the

Good Waters is the form horse in the Christmas Past Novices' Chase. Last season the Simon Christian-trained gelding ran a fine race to finish third in the National Hunt Challenge Cup behind Over The Road at the Cheltenham

This season he decisively beat Envopak Token at Towcester and was going well until making a bad mistake in a competitive contest at Cheltenham, eventually finishing fifth to Cool Sun. Today he has plenty of weight,

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R County (7)

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#### WARWICK Selections

By Mandarin 12.30 Kayudee. 1.0 Good Waters. 1.30 The Milroy. 2.0 St Gabriel. 2.30 Storm Of Plenty. 3.0 Sassanoco. 3.30 Mr Mayfair. Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 Without A Doubt.

Going: good to soft

12.30 BOB CRATCHIT NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: 2680: 2m) (23 runners)

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1		ACRE HILL N Henderson 4-71-0 18 Bowthy
ġ	COD.	DEBLINS' DOUBLE 263 J Colston 5-11-0
3	- GA	DEEP FLASH 35 J Edwards 5-11-0 T Morges
7	00.6	DEEP SURPRISE 41 C Trietine 5-11-0 J Shortt
	200	FIRST DIVISION 18 S Christian 5-11-0
ĕ		PLEXIBLE FRIEND 16 (B) M Charles 8-11-C S Moore
2		GOLDFELDS 18 Mrs T Cutton 4-11-0 Mr M Amytage
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Ŗ	8-9	HOME JESTA 14 G Gracey 4-11-0 D Gellagher
9		HOUSE HUNTER 116 J Bulcovets 7-11-0 J D Doyle
10	SUU	INTO THE RED 14 C Trieffine 4-11-0
11		KAYUDEE 418F Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-0 D Byrne (4)
72	3-5	KESWOOD JACK 37 (BF) O Sherwood 5-11-0
	_	S Sherwood
13		L'UOMO PRI 268 Mrs J Physia 4-11-0 M Physia
14	3	MANGROVE 21 P Belley 4-11-0
15		SOLDIER ANT 487F H O'Nell 9-11-0
16	05-	THE TARTAN SPARTAN 221 M Wildowson 4-11-0
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17	SP.	TIME MODULE 28 D Scott 4-11-0 W invite(4)
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		Goe Armytage
	P-PQ	VELOS 9.J Fox 6-11-0
20		VESTRIS 470F N Ayatto 4-11-0
21	9	ZEPPELIN 291 (5) M Bradstock 5-11-0
22	0-6F	JANE CRAIG 8 R Dictin 5-10-9 M Jones (7)
23	00	RAVEETS SONG 9 M Wilkinson 6-10-9

11-4 Keswood Jack, 7-2 Keyudee, 5-1 Deep Flesh, 6-1 First Division, 8-1 L'Uomo Piu, 10-1 Mangrove, Jane Craig. 1.0 CHRISTMAS PAST NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,583: 3m 1f) (15) 1 F681 MWEENSH 9 (G) J Webber 6-12-7 (7ext) I Limmence (7) 2 2-15 GOOD WATERS 19 (Q) S Christian 8-12-6

2 2-15 GOUD WATERS 19 (Q) S CRISSON 6-12-6 Bir G Upton (7) 3 1421 ECKWORTH 25 (Q,S) Mrs D Haine 6-12-0 S Smith Eccles 4 00-P GRANNY PRAY ON 25 (S) N Nitchell 6-11-6 N Coleman 5 2PP- BORDER TWEENE 272 (S) N Bradley 6-11-2. G Bradley 6 UP-F WORT BE GONE LONG \$ N Henderson 6-10-12 7 PPP- TABOORIA 258 (F) B Smart 7-10-11 \_\_\_\_\_ B de Haust 8 0-F5 CREEN RINGE 21 S Meltor 9-10-8 \_\_\_\_\_ S Cowley 9 /64 SPCRTSNEWS 20 P Hobbs 6-10-8 \_\_\_\_\_ S Cowley 10 0-45 PAUDY BUCK 14 J Horeshall 5-10-7 \_\_\_ R Earls 18-9-F PRETTA'S LEGACY 19 (9) J Old B-10-7 \_\_ R Damesoody 12 -522 LOVER BILL 13 M Wilkinson 6-10-8 \_\_\_ M Lynch 13 D4D3 MASTER OF LYROC 13 Jimby Fitzgeridd 6-10-5 \_\_\_ D Brune (6)

14 - OSF VIPSANIA 7 (S) Mrs M Rimelt 7-10-5 .... 15 5-60 COAL GREY 16 D Gendolfo 7-10-3 ..... 3-1 Lover BB, 7-2 Master Of Lyric, 9-2 Icloworth, 6-1 Good ters, Newserish, 10-1 Green Ridge, 12-1 others.

1.30 BOB CRATCHIT NOVICES HURDLE (Div 1): 12 28 PETTY BRIDGE 75 A James 4-11-0 Lorsa Viocest
13 55 RARELY AT ODDS 48 G Gracey 4-11-0 D Gallagher
14 85 ROYAL ATRILETE 14 Mrs. J Perman 5-11-0 M Priman
15 5-45 SSYSHS OUT 14 (5) A J Wison 6-11-0 M Priman
16 0 STEEL PROGRESS 55 N Painting 5-11-0 B Powell
17 0-4 STEPHENS PET 29 O O'Nell 5-11-0 G Merragh
18 PP TENECOUNT 9 C Saunders 4-11-0 G Merragh
19 1-26 THE MELROY 26 (F) (SF) O Sherwood 5-11-0
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11-10 The Milroy, 3-1 Moore Stylish, 11-2 Royal Athlete, Fairfields Cone, 12-1 Close Escape, 14-1 others. Course specialists

TRAINERS: O Sherwood, 9 winners from 34 runners, 26.5%; G Price, 4 from 16, 25.0%; P Balley, 6 from 26, 23.1%; N Henderson, 10 from 44, 22.7%; K Balley, 6 from 29, 20.7%; Mrs J Planen, 12 from 67, 17.9%. JOCKEYS: W Irvine, 5 winners from 19 rides, 28.3%; S Sharwood, 11 from 48, 28.9%; M Pitman, 7 from 31, 22.6%; R Beggan, 4 from 24, 16.7%; M Bowlby, 3 from 21, 14.3%; S McNell, 4 from 31, 12.9%

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1 82-1 POSITIVE 15 (CD.Q.S.) K Balley 6-11-11 R Begger
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4 15-F CAPELI CORE 7 (S) Mig H Parrott 6-11-4 A Webb
5 PPP COCKINEY GENERAL 9 F Dickin 5-11-4 R Byet
6 438P FATHER PADDY 33 J Webber 6-11-4 B De Hann
8 PP CREEY BATE 337 (F) W Paul 11-11-4 B De Hann
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12 032 SMITHY BEAR 7 (S) R Dictin 6-11-4 R Develop
13 72- ST GARRIEL 334 (G, S) T Yen 7-11-4 R Develop
14 P MOONLIGHT SHADOW 25 D McCoin 7-10-13 S J O'Neil
15 3660 SALORS PRIDE 11 B Morgen 6-10-13
4-6 POSITIVE, 7-2 FLEGO BOY, 5-1 JINTSER, 10-1 St GABRIEL 46 Positive, 7-2 Fuego Boy, 5-1 Jimster, 10-1 St Gabriel, 14-1 Smithy Bear, 16-1 others. 2.30 TINY TIM HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,320: 2m) 1 232- TRUE SPARTAN 275 (CD.S) G Phoe 8-12-3 10 1P-0 YANKEE SILVER 21 (CD,Q,S) G Gracey 7-10-17 

17 400- HIGHLAND CLIPPER 298 (D,S) Mss A Whitleld
9-10-2 R Daminoody
18 /P-1 TERRA DI SIENA 27 (CD,F,S) P Hobbs 6-10-0...... 9-2 Kadan, 6-1 Velvet Pearl, 7-1 Flower Of Timern, 8-1 True Spartan, 10-1 Rusty Roc, 12-1 Deadly Going, 14-1 others. 3.0 BLACKMORE AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,406: 2m 4f) (10) 1 2421 AUNTIE DOT 20 (D.F.Q.S) J Webber 7-12-0

1 2421 AUNTIE DOT 20 (D.F.Q.S) J Webber 7-12-0 Miles J Henry (7) 2 51-5 EAMONS OWEN 13 (D.Q.S) J Leigh 11-11-8 Wildergen (7) 3 3-53 PERROQUET 26 (BR.Q.S) G Vergette 8-11-4 Mirs G Vergette 4 POOP THOMONO PRIDE 18 (V,D,S) P O'Connor 12-11 G He 6 2-54 FLAG OF TRUCE 23 (8,BF,S) S Christian 8-11-0 (9 Upon (7) 6 6533 LATIN AMERICAN 19 (F,Q,S) (0) T Forster 11-11-0 M American 

5-2 Auntie Dot, 3-1 Latin American, 5-1 Flag Of Truce, 6-1 Ragens Boy, 8-1 Earnons Owen, 10-1 Perroquet, 12-1 others. 3.30 CHRISTMAS PRESENT NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,264: 2m) (25)



• The Illiad, a disappointment when well-backed for the first two runnings of The Ladbroke at Leopardstown, has been heavily supported again for the January 14 renewal. The sponsors have laid a bet of £10,000 each-way at 25-1 on Homer Scott's eight-year-old and he is now 16-1.

# Results from yesterday's four meetings

Pante Prince (3-1) was a sixth successive winning nap for Mandarin at Kempton Park yesterday while Michael Seely continued his good recent run by napping Welsh National winner Bonanza Boy (9-4) at Chepstow.

**Kempton Park** 

Going: firm (chase course); good to firm (hurdes) parties)
12.45 (2m ch) 1, NOHALBIDER (I. Wyer, 4-9 key; 2, Bilosi Blass (R Beggen, 5-2 Fell, remounted to finish second). ALSO RAN: 10 Generally Right (f), 3 ran. Dist. M H Essistry at Greet Rabion. Tota: E1.40: DF: E1.40. CSF: E1.77.
1.15 (3m ch) 1, CASTLE WARDEN (7 Morten, 2-1 favt 2 Warner En Lainer.

Morgan, 2-1 fav); 2, Warmer For Leisure (M Richards, 4-1); 3, Golden Friend (S Sherwood, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 6 Inde-malody (4th), 10 Nord Ac (f), 151, 161, dist. J Edwards at Ross-on-Wei. Tote: 22.80; 21.80, 22.00. DF: £3.90. CSF: £3.04. KRIBENSIS or g Henbit — Aquarie (Sheith Mohammed) 4-11-3 R Durwoody (4-9 fav) 7.

Floyd ch g Relko - Honey Palm (M Walsh) 8-11-3 S Sherwood (5-2) 2. Wishlon b in Lyphard's Wish — Swiss Swish (Miss D Smyth) 5-11-3 I Shoemark (33-1) ALSO RAN: 20 Sprowston Boy (4th), 25 Aldino (5th), 33 Pat's Jester (6th), 65 Vague Shot. 7 ran. 2, 4, 3, 4, 12, M Stouts at Newmarkot. Tota: £1.50; £1.20, £1.30. DF: £1.40. CSF: £1.97.

2.20 (2m 4f ch) 1, PANTO PRINCE (B Powell, 3-1 |L-lav; Mandard's nap); 2, Saffton Lord (H Davies, 3-1 |L-lav; 3, Dudie (Dala McKeown, 3-1 |L-lav; ALSO RAN; 6 Welan Oak (6th), 8 hazy Surset (5th), 16 Duniark (4th), Gee-A, 7 rat. 2, 51, 3,1 15, 101. C Pophara at Taunton, Toke: 24,00; 22.30, 22.00. DF: 25.00. CSP: E11.45.

211.45.

2.50 (2m 4f hdis) 1, SAN GIOVANNI
(Date McKsown, 12-1); 2, Loving You (0)
Mescam, 10-1); 3, Tains featur (1)
Sunday, 10-1, 10-1
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OF 2237.70. CSF: £119.60
2.20 (2m 4t hole) 1, ASSAGLAWI (S Shewood, 3-1); 2, Admirals All (B de Hasn, 11-4 far); 3, Arbitrage (I Shoemark, 33-1). ALSO RAM: 100-30 Johrstons Glory (5th), 5 Mr Optimist (4th), 10 Stray Shot (6th), 11 Little Toro (pu), 7 rsr. NF: Dust Capacity, 51, 251, 131, 291, 101. O Shewood at Upper Lamboust. Tota: 23.60; 22.10, 22.00. DF: 23.20; 22.00, 22.00. DF: 23.20; CSF: 21.06. Tricast: 2173.56. Jackpot: 23,325.50. (Pool of E4,044.55 is carried forward to Newbury on Friday) Phacepot: £36.40.

Chepstow Gaing: soft

1.0 (2m 4f hdie) 1, MARKET FORCES (M
Perreit, 14-1): 2, Lough Road (P Dever,
40-1): 3, Highland Son (P Richards, 66-1).
ALSO RAK: 9-4 fav. Richards, 66-1).
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ALSO RAK: 9-4 fav. Richards, 67-10.
Lastic, Roc De Prince, 50 Roys Dismma (H), Sient Tom, 14 Milpond Boy, 25 Cook A
Lestic, Roc De Prince, 50 Roys Dismma (H), 66 Armardite (pu), Calamby Joe (pu),
Kericho (pu), The Beet of it (pu), Evergen Melody, 18 ran. NR: Short List, True
Coom. Nik, 8, 31, 191, 31. N Ganasies at Upper Lambourn. Total: 2140; 23.00,
212.80, 253.20. DR: £570.90. CSF: 2390.50.

1.30 (2m hdie) 1, ENEMY ACTION (P Scudamore, 8-15 fav); 2, Magazes Pyra (G Bradley, 9-2; 3, Royal Dacht (G McCourt, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11 Kdam (4th), 20 Forest Flame (5th), 33 Mardood (6th), 100

Bradbury Star, High Bid, 200 Guarena (pu): 9 ran. 121, 2%, 71, 301, 201, M Pipe at Welfington, 170ta; 21,80; 21,50, 21,30, 21,80, DF: 25,30, CSF: 23,61, 2.5 CORAL WELSH NATIONAL HANDI-CAP CHASE (221,817; 3m 61) BONANZA BOY to g Sir Lark — Vulmid (S Dunster) 7-10-1 P Scudamore (9-4 tax; Michael Seely's sep)

Rum And Skip b g Deep Run — Skiporetta (W Marzouk) 10-10-3 G McCourt (15-2)

ALSO RAN: 4 Aquilifer (pu), 9 Cool Sun (Sth), 12 Rinus, Torside, 20 Cuddy Dale (ur), Golden Minstrel (pu), Midright Mad-ness (Sth), 100 Border Lad (4th), 150 Pellon, 12 ran, 121, 251, 81, 81, %1, M Pipe at McKitchen Tates, 25, 77, 620 (20), 25 Ch

2.40 (2m 4f ch) 1. FUS LADY (P Scudamore, 5-6 fav); 2. Sirrah Jey (Mr T Mitchel, 25-1); 3. River Wanter (C Davies, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Coughtens Run (f), 8 Able Dan (pu), 16 Thomson (pu), 33 Gringo (pu), 7 ran. Nr. Pride His. 15, dist. M Pipe at Wellington. Tota: £1.80; £1.60, 24.70. Dr. £18.00. CSP: £1.885. Tricast: £87.83.

24.70. DF: £19.00. CSF: £18.85. Tricast: £87.83.

3.10 (2m ch) 1, ELEGANT ISLE (P Scutismore, 9-4; 2, Wink Guilliver (R Amott, 7-4 fav); 3, Cembo (G McCourt, 28-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Clares Own (4th), 5 Eastern Cuartet (f), 11 River Bed (f), 25 Parestu (bd), Sim Hope (ur), 66 Four M's (pu), 9 ran. 12, 30, 12. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £3.20; £1.30, £1.50, £3.20. DF: £3.20. CSF: £7.03.

3.40 (2m 4f hdie) 1, HEYFLEET (J Leoch, 9-2 jk-fav); 2, Tachandor (W Irvine, 8-1); 3, Jayetts Dream (D Hood, 14-1); 4, Royal Duchy (D Styme, 25-7). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jk-fav High Viscosity, 11-2 Gifsed Nephew, 6 Out The Gap (5th), 11 Ryans Dove (6th), 12 Ower's Prida, 14 Bonne Arme, 25 Snowy Pearl, 31 Longiaret, John Feather, Blue Sparkie, Nuns Royal (f), Indian Pony, 16 ran. NH: Antecs. 2, 11, 81, 34, 7. Mrs. J Pitman at Upper Lamboum. Tote: £4.90: £1.40, £2.10, £4.40, £7.30. DF: £23.20, CSF: £31.04. Tricast: £23.18.

Wetherby

Geing: good

12.45 (2m hdie) 1, SRIGHT AISLE (M
Dwyer, 9-2); 3, Gumen's Hill (D Byrne, 101); 3, Elay Helbch (P Harre, 3-1 tre); ALSO
RIAN: 8 Cracide Moor (6th), 10 Magic
Soldier, Your Time, 11 Dark Jesser, 12
Precious Memorias, 14 Pessive Fing, 15
Murjaan, 20 Impunity, Weston, Up A Point,
25 Memadong Brook (4th), Gaesic Issue,
38 Serdu, 50 Balcor's Lamb, Gypsy's
Token (pu), Kind'a Smart (5th), Sand
Cilipper, B-Ern-Bee (ur), Eminence Verte,
Naughts N' Crosses, Twisted Holly (pu),
24 ran. NR: Postman's Knock, 61, 25/1, sh
hd, 11, 24/1, N Tinker at Methon. Tota.
25.20; 22.30, 24.60, E1.60. DF: E87.70.
CSF: E53.37.
1,15 (2m 4/100)rd ch) 1, THE MALTIKLIN

CSF: ES3.37.

1.15 (2m 4/ 100yd ch) 1. THE MALTKILN (P Harts, 66-1); 2. Lacidar (Peter Hobbs, 11-1); 3. Den't Annoy We (C Storey, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 8-5 tev The Demon Barber (f), 2. Smith's Gamble (f), 8 Buckby Folly (f), 14 Copper Streak (pu), 25 Las Rampes (f), 68 Tornington Warrior; 9 ran. Sh M, 15i. H. Wharton at Middleham. Tota: E71.30; 56.10. E22.0, 23.70. DF: £448.80. CSF: 2550.67.

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1.45 (3m hclie) 1. PETER MARTIN (C Hawkins, 10-1); 2. Blazzing Walter (J C Gorman, 11-6 fav); 3. Foston (Ger Lyons, 11-2, 11-2); 5. Foston (Ger Lyons, 11-2); 7. Morison Warrior, 14 Crested (Sth), Old Matton, 16 Deritorion (pu), 33 Lingham Bracke (Bith), Turl. 10 ran. NR: Hassie Money, 34, 11, 101, 62, 291, F Lee at Wilmstow, Tosa: 29.10; £2.30, £1.50, £1.90, DF: £15.00, CSF: £23.50, Tricast: 279.04.

2.20(2m 451, LEON (N Tinking, 10-1); 2.

### Interplay gamble takes £48,000 out of the ring

Interplay landed a gamble from 20-1 (50-1 in a place) to 5-1 when leading all the way to take the first division of the Weston Three-Year-Old Hurdle at Wolverhampton yesterday.

Martin Hickey recouped some of the 27,000 guiness he laid out for the former Frenchtrained colt at the Newmarket October Sales with a bet of £200 at 20-1. In all, £48,000 was taken out of the ring. Roland O'Sullivan, who

trains Interplay at Bognor Regis, may now aim him at the Triumph Hurdle. "We think he might have an outside chance," said O'Sullivan, who has now had eight winners this season.

Longriver Lady retained her unbeaten record in three runs over fences with an all-the-way victory in the Astbury Trophy Novices' Chase.

She now has the Tattersalls Mares Only Limited Handicap Novices' Chase Final at Haydock Park on March 4 gs her main objective.

Longriver Lady started 6-4 favourite and justified the sup-port with a brave display under Nigel Coleman. Vicars Landing was almost upsides her, when he fell at the second last fence. Longriver Lady was still left with a fight on her hands but ran on well to ward off Democratic Boy by four lengths. (6th), 8 Midsand Express, 9 Sword Beach, 10 North Wold Park, 12 Providence Bay (pu), 14 Copeland Lad. Wigtown Bay, 25 The Shuffler, Kooky 5 Pat, Parine Stream, 25 Garreigum (5th), 33 Glover's Kind (f), 100 Racmo Demon (bu), 18 ran, 81, nk, 74, 51, nk, N Trider at Melton, Tote: £10.70; £2.50, £15.70, £4.50, £1.70. DF (winner or 2nd with any other): £4.00. CSP: £280.17. Tricast £5,796.01.

2.50 (2m 50yd ch) 1, MIDNIGHT COUNT (Peter Hobbs, 15-8); 2, Somerled (T Reed, 20-1); 3, Jam Thorpe (M Dwyer, Evens fav), ALSO RAN: 11-2 Worthy Knight (4th), 4 ran. 8t, 4t, dist. J Gifford at Findon, Tota: 22-50, DF: 27.30, CSF: 27.31, 3.20 (2m hdie) 1, FRAGRANT DAWN (M Dwyer, 100-30); 2, Young Snught (Ger Lyons, 5-4 fev); 3, Fieldom (K Doclan, 11-2), ALSO RAN: 3 Amtinous (Sb), 25 Hgh River (4th), 5 ran, 21, 151, 61, 151, Jimmy

Fitzgerald at Matton, Tote: 23.80: 21.80 21.60 OF: 23.40. CSF-£7.71.

Wolverhampton Going: good (chase); good to soft (hurdles)

(Nurdies)

1.0 (2m hdie) 1. INTERPLAY (R Guest, 5-1); 2. Tot Of Rive (S Smith Ecoles, 5-1); 3. Socionsi Mission (R Hyert, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 two Verselli (pu), 5 Le Cygne (4th), 12 twenty One Red, 16 Rashin (5th), 20 Javert, Sutuk (6th), 50 Above The Wind, Another Toy, Minizensprinter, Mr Dudley, Shitnel (f), Pirst Fastnet (pu), Mascalls Girt (f), Running Fortune, 17 rsn. 3l, 15, 6l, 2kl, 1 kl, f O'Sulfiven at Bognor Regis, Tote: £9.70; £2.10, £1.40, £6.70. DF: £46.60. CSF: £29.33

246.80. CSF: 229.33

1.30 (2m hdis) 1, DONNA FARINA (Jacqui Hayes, 5-2); 2. End Of The Road (D Mustow, 5-1); 3, High Imp (A Musholiand, 8-11 fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Phyrister (I), 11 Adro (4th), 33 (Kimore Clusy (Bh), Modern Music (5th), 7 ran. Dist, rk, 44, 81, 101, Mrs S Oliver at Wolverhampton. Tote: £4.70; £1.80, £2.10. DF: £14.40. CSF: £31.14.

2.0 (3m 11 ch) 1, SOME DO (J Bryan, 7-4); 2, Ardornt Say (J D Doyle, 14-1); 3; Cettle Hamlet (R Goldstein, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Sandickiffe Boy (4th), 11-2 Funchen View (ur.) 5 ran. 234, 31 dist. Mrs M Rimel at Severm Stoka. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £2.80. DF: £14.00. CSF: £18.14.

E1.50, 22.60. DF: E16.00. CSF: £18.14.
2.30 (2m 4t ch) 1, LONGRIVER LADY (N Colement, 64 fav); 2, Desmocratic Boy (S Smith Eccles, 7-2); 3, Mistour Boot (A Webb, 14-1). ALSO FAN: 7-4 Vicars Landing (f), 14 Another Norfolk (4sh), 5 ran. NFI: Russistone. 44, 201, 151. R Holder at Birstol. Tone: £2.20; £1.50, £1.30. DF: £2.40. CSF: £5.74.
3.0 (2m holie) 1, LESCLACHA (Lorna Vincent, 11-4); 2, Labric (R Goldstein, 2-1 fav); 3, Brave Sestama (M Kharra, £5-1). ALSO FAN: 8 Cure (f), 10 Foulita (6m), 12 Rose Gardenia, 16 Ejree, 20 Joyfuriess (5h), 25 Jadas Star, 33 Eleanor Cross, Fortuna Groen, 50 Hard To Resist, Just Perkins, Transluge, Georgian Quidicstep, Karri (pu), Smack On Target (4th), 17 ran. 41, 12, 34, 4, 194. J Spenting et Alosser. Tota: £3.60; £2.00, £2.00, £4.90. DF: £5.00. CSF: £7.98.
3.30 (2m 6 11)07d holia) 1, PERTEMES

25.00. GSF: 27.99.
3.30 (2m 6f 110yd hole) 1, PERTEMPS
NETWORK (J Lower, 5-2 favf; 2, Inde Pulse (J Osborne, 100-30; 3, Alcainaz (S McNeilt, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Rogers Princess (4th), 5 Mershel Bleke (8th), 9 Kessie-Bee (bu), 16 Palitwicine, 20 Down Fight (5th), 66 Rowley Lodge (bu), Hot Gem (bu), 10 ran. 20, nk, 3, nk, 9, lk M Pipe at Wellington, Totac 23.10; 21.60, 21.40, at Wellington, Tota: E3.10; £1.60, £1.60, £2.00, DF: £4.70, CSF: £11.45, Tricant: £56.16.

Placepot: £120.80.



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**NEWCASTLE** 

Selections By Mandarin

12.45 Decent Man. 1.15 Abdicator. 1.45 The Builder.

2.15 Mils Mij. 2.45 Randolph Place.

Michael Seely's selection	n: 2.45 Randolph Place.
Going: soft	
12.45 WOODCOCK NOVICES HURDLE (£1	,207: 2m 4f) (16 runners)
1 8/008-01 DIVINE PROBLEM 21 (G) (W Stepherst 2 290 ACROSS THE LAKE 68 (Mrs S Bramell) 3 0 ANOTHER SIGNAL 67 (G Benilson) G R	on) W A Stephenson 6-11-7 Mr A Costallo (7) 89  Mrs S Brangil 4-11-0
5 6-046P3 DECENT MAN 21 (J Read) P Begument 6 4 MASTER MAY 27 (Mrs R Carr). I Cher	1-0
8 POLAR DELTA (A Crows) P Liddle 6-11 9 954-04 ROY'S DREAM 27 (C Birdl S Lourisation	N Doughty 92
11 11- SOLICITOR'S CHOICE 350 (F,S) (A Suppliers 12 : 63 SUNNABROWN 44 (Mrs M Christian) M	on 4-11-0 A Merrigan
14 4000-0 CRAZY TRADE 9 (1 Waten) F Waten 5- 15 4-2F4PP MAGIC ECHO 54 (1 Golding) S Payne 6-	Bentinck) J Glover 4-11-0 Mr Dwyer 98 10-9 B Storey 79 10-9 J K Kitane 79
martin, Decent Man, 10-1 Roy's Dream, 14-1 Royal S	5-10-9 K Doolan 87 Solicitor's Choice, 7-1 This Nettle Danger, 8-1 Pine- carlet, 16-1 others.
FORM DYING PROBLEM shaped like a stayer when accounting for The Antartex by 1% at Catterick (3m 1/100%, good) last month with DECENT MAN (7b better cit) 23 3rd.	rrigan (12-1) W A Stephenson 20 ran ROY'S OREASI finished just under 71 4th to Homme D'Afteire at Carlisie (2m 1f 110yd, heavy) with DIVINE PROBLEM (77b worse off) staying on to linish 15% away (77b.

DIVINE PROBLEM (7th worse off) staying on to finish 151/J away in 7th.
SOLICITOR'S CHOICE won two National Hunt flat races last term, the last of which was a 71 beating of Farmworth at Kelso (2m, soft). THIS NETTLE DANGER ran on to finish a 31/J 4th to Regardees at Warwick (2m 5/, soft) last time. MASTER MAYO stayed on strongly from 2 out to finish a 6t 4th to Farmworth at Carlisle (2m 1f 110yd, heavy). Should be suited by this greater test of starring. PMESMATTIN weekened 2 out when finishing a 16t 4th to Persitant at Ayr (2m, good to Selection: MASTER MAYO 1.15 NORTHUMBRIA NOVICES CHASE (£1,957: 3m) (10 runners) 1 23-2113 MBSS CLUB ROYAL 19 (D.BF.G) (J. Hajewood) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-1
2 P-973P2 ABBICATOR 9 (Colonel D Greig) K Oliver 6-11-0
3 0/04P ALACAZAM 7 (A Moore) J Gilten 6-11-0
4 0/0-4P ALEX-PATH 28 (M Smith) M Smith 5-11-0
5 0F51-0P ANDREW 23 (D.S) (A Hay) P Monteith 5-11-0
6 07-33F5 BLACK SPUR 7 (8) (J. Hope) C Parker 6-11-0
7 0/4P3P-0 COMEY BAY 15 (B Tempiel) B Tempie 7-11-0
8 6005P/0 RAWTHEY BANK 21 (IN Flickell) A Brown 6-11-0
9 33-4 REIVER'S LAD 32 (J. Walkon) F Walkon 7-11-0 \_\_\_ JKKinare — \_\_\_ A Orksey — . D Noten S Turner @ 99

9 39-4 REIVER'S LAD 32 (J Walton) F Walton 7-11-0 10 050/0-SP KELLY NICOLA 13 (K Smith) C Bell 6-10-9 ... BETTING: 4-5 Miss Club Royal, 7-2 Black Spur, 6-1 Reiver's Lad. 10-1 Abdicator, 14-1 others. ABDICATOR stayed on under pressure to finish a 15/1 2nd to Selon Brig at Kelso (2m 6/1, good) lest time. ANDREW out of sorts this term, finished less season with a 5t detect of Joyful Silly in a Hewham

NO (7) SI Long handloop: Ramdomly 9-10, Magwood 9-4, Simon Bolivar 7-12.

**FOLKESTONE** 

Selections By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 KARAKTER REFERENCE (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.45 RUBIKA.

BETTING: 9-4 Rubiks, 7-2 Fit For Firing, 5-1 Ageinst All Odds, 6-1 Bob's Advice, 10-1 Granyte Palace, Hr

1987: WILLIAM ANTHONY 5-10-7 A Adams (25-1) N Gaselee 18 rgn 1.15 NUMBER ENGAGED CHALLENGE BOWL NOVICES CHASE (£2,071: 2m) (16

Going: good to soft (chase course); soft (hurdles)

12.45 SISSINGHURST NOVICES HURDLE (£680: 2m 6f) (16 runners)

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1 g/rsp-61 GROVELANDS 22 (D.S) (P Smith) R Curtis 6-17-3

2 6842-11 FT POR FRING 16 (S) (F Chapman) D Esworth 4-10-12

3 200 AGAINST ALL ODDG 6 (A Goodpin) J Pearce 4-10-10

4 42- ASMIAE 212 (A Neaves) A Neaves 6-10-10

5 683-3F BOB'S ADVICE 15 (Mrs D Grissell) D Grissell 6-10-10

6 0- CLEAR GIN 288 (A Taylor) A Taylor 4-10-10

7 PD0-005 FRALL SELECTION 46 (Mrs E Robinson) T Etharington 5-10-10

3-4 GRANYTE PALACE 14 (Mrs J Gray) Miss B Sanders 4-10-10

1 (RINGES) PRINCE 254F (Mrs J Gray) Miss B Sanders 4-10-10

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PARTIERS)

1 1/F05-13 CANFORD PALM 18 (D,F,Q,S) (Mrs M Cobtam) C Brooks 7-11-3
2 S3-1UFU CELTIC FLAME 27 (D,F,G) (Mrs G Godfrey) P Hartis 7-11-3
3 550P-UT TSARELLA 37 (D,Q,S) (Mrs J Henty) N Henderson 6-10-12
4 000/PF3 CASTILLORE LAD 12 (C Pkts) J Long 8-10-10
5 000-253 EROSTINDEVELOPMENT 18 (J Upson) J Costello 5-10-10
6 F00-3 KELSALE 77 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-10-10
7 00-0036 KRESALE 77 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-10-10
9 00/FFP LAST EXTRAVAGRACE 23 (T Whisey) D Gardorio 7-10-10
9 UF-3022 MAJESTIC RING 12 (P Kelewsy) P Kellewsy 5-10-10
10 30/0424- NEWLAR 292 (G,5) (S Tindsf) S Mellor 9-10-10
11 (955 ROBESON 22 (R Bowes) J Gifford 5-10-10
12 11/1-542 SHOULD NEVER BE 8 (BF,F,G) (P Woodford) J Jankins 7-10-10
14 2-UP VAGARIUNDO 27 (Mrs T Baron) M Ryan 7-10-10
15 501160- WESTWAY 285 (S) (Lady Harmsworth-Bland D Grissel 5-10-10

BETTING: 6-4 Canford Palm, 3-1 Tsarella, 9-2 Majestic Ring, 6-1 Should Never Be, Erostndevi I Newler, 16-1 Others.

1987: ROYAL STAG 5-10-10 H Device (3-1) D Grissell 9 ran

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FORM GIOLLA PADRAIG, twice a winner over this trip at Headam (good to firm) and Chelberham (firm) this season, was not diagnaced when a 12 4th to Saftron Lord at Ascot (2m 4t, good to firm) last time.

THE BUILDER ran a fire race on his outing in 20 months when a 22 2nd to Target Man at Kelso (3m, good). BROTHER GEOFFREY, who bad earlier stayed on well to get the better of Centre Atraction by a neck at Heydock (2m 4t, soft) on penultimate

12.45 Rubika. 1.15 Canford Palm.

RANDOMLY stayed on to finish a 14t 3rd to Kouros at Southwell (3m 110/d, good to soft) lest time out. Meless timed appeal MAGNOOD, who goes best with planty of give in the ground, made mistakes at Newcastie (3m 6f, good to soft) and eventually finished a 2sl 3rd to Mercy Less. Selection: THE BUILDER

2.15 Sir Perdo.

2.45 Experimenting.
3.15 GIVUS A BUCK (nap).

P Holley (7) .... J Mclaughila S McKaever (?)

..... H Davies ..... Mr A Taylor

. Peter Hobbs

.... G Landau • 89

... D Skyrme (7) 81 .... J Osborne @ 99 Usbome • 99

.... M Perrett M Richards

G Landev

Peter Hobbs

R Goldstein J McLaughlin ..... If Davies

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3.15 PHEASANT HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,648: 2m 4f) (10 runners) 1987: THE MAN HIMSELF 7-11-6 P Tuck (8-11 fav) G Richards 9 ran FORM MISS CLUB ROYAL, a winner of chase on penutimute start, finished a staying on 3½1 3rd to Smithonian at Doncaster (3m 12yd, good) last time out.

100 July 100 Ju stamine would be greatly appreciated when a 19/5th to Gold Options of Edinburgh (2m, good to firm). REFVER'S LAD finished a 41% 44th to Withy Bank over course and distance (good to soft) ast erm with ANDREW (11b worse off) 12I away in 7th.

1.45 GAME BIRD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,924: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

# start, finished a 25l 2nd to Metric at Ayr (2m 4f, good to soit).

BETTING: 2-1 The Builder, 5-2 Brother Geotfrey, 100-30 Glolla Padraig, 8-1 Randomly, 18-1 Magwood 1967: BROTHER GEOFFREY 8-10-3 D Wilkinson (8-13 fav) C Thornton 3 ran

FORM DEMI JOHN races off a 10th higher mask than when beating Tevnt Castle 31 at Ayr (2m 4f, good) on final outing last term. WESSEX is still a maiden over jumps. Last time at Haydock (2m 4f, soft) stayed on to finish 121 2md to Rifle Range (2m 4f, soft). PIT PONY is dropping down the weights following

**Course specialists** C Thornton Jimmy Fitzgerald N Tinkler M H Easterby Mr A Costello M Dwyer G McCourt

1.45 ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOSPICE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,600: 2m) (10

Mrs J Gault (7)

7 2204/SF- SNOWY BONDLART 343 (D.G) (A Newton) D Murray-Smith 8-10-10...
8 22270/P AUTURIN SUR 15 (S) (Mass A Cheesmen) J Whate 11-10-4...
9 04F420- UP AT DAWN 251 (E Treacy) J Bridger 8-10-4...
10 U-04340 NARCONE 8 (E Gleatall) W Kemp 7-10-4... M Periong cKeever (7) BETTING: 3-1 Punters Lad, 4-1 Snowy Bondiair, 5-1 Bold Archer, 6-1 Eyetrap, 8-1 O K Soo, 12-1 Artic Chief, 14-1 others. 2.15 BOBBIE SHAW MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: 21,562: 3m 3f) (10

Long hendlesp: Karakter Reference 9-11, Silver Chessman 9-10, Sympatique 9-4.
BETTING: 3-1 Karakter Reference, 9-2 Sir Perdo, 5-1 Another Troup, 6-1 Prince Klenk, 8-1 Pope 1 Write The Music, 12-1 Meziera, 14-1 others. 1987: COUNTRY CAP 6-10-3 D Townsend (11-2) R Townsend 19 ran

2.45 ROYAL OAK MOTEL HANDICAP CHASE (22,490; 3m 2f) (7 runners) 

3.15 LE TOUQUET NOVICES HURDLE (2680: 2m 100yd) (19 runners)

1	06	ANFIELD'S STAR 15 (Mrs E O'Sutivan) D Wilson 4-11-0	H Dev
2	P00-230	ARABIAN BLUES 12 (R Wright) S Dow 5-11-0	R Ge
		SECTIVE BOY 19 (F) (M Pinto) Miss L Bower 6-11-0	
4	P0/	BOLD ROWLEY 450F (A Neeves) A Neeves 8-11-0	S Hicksever
- 5		CLOPTON 12 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-11-0	
Ē		COASTAL PLAIN 28 (Mrs B Gonsalves) D Wilson 6-11-0	
7		CYTHERE 19 (K Carr) J Gifford 4-11-0	
Ŕ	000-403	DONOSTI 6 (Lady Street-Wortley-Hunt) Miss L Bower 4-11-0	
ĕ	5	FAST RECORD 7 (B.RF) (H Byrgin) J Pearce 4-11-0	J Meteori
10		GIVUS A BUCK 34 (D.S) (K Costalio) D Elsworth 5-11-0	
11		GO SOUTH 23 (B) (R Josephin) J Jankins 4-11-0	
12		PARVENO 278F (A Wade) R Voorspuy 7-11-0	
13	400004	ROYAL HALO 482F (Ars D Campbell) J Redmond 7-11-0	
		RUN HIGH SEF (Mrs P Mitchell) P Mitchell 5-11-0.	
14			
15		SAY YOU 27 (T Prebble) P Howing 4-11-0	
16		SING THE BLUES 15 (B Hager) C Bensteed 4-11-0	
17	4	SOMEBODY 18 (C Cheesman) J White 4-11-0	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
18		STORM FORCE 181F (P Jubert) R Akehurst 4-11-0	Daie McKes
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BETTING: 7-2 Gives A Buck, 4-1 Storm Force, 6-1 Go South, Cythere, 8-1 Somebody, Arabian Blues, 10-1 Fast Record, 12-1 Donosti, 14-1 others. 1987: STANDARD ROSE 4-10-9 P. Rowell (14-1) Miss L Bower 19 ran Course specialists

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Speaking the same language

Abroad is unutterably bloody and foreigners are fiends. So said Uncle Matthew in the Nancy Mitford book, and he spoke for all England, and probably most of the rest of the world as well. East, West, home's best: people go abroad quite a lot these days, but mostly to reinforce that perception. They go to foreign lands, but take places like Leicester in their baggage.

Not everyone. For some people, Abroad is the land of opportunity: the place where they can become more truly themselves. The freedom, the unfamiliarity of absolutely everything, the spice of dislocation: all these things harden resolution and make life a more thrilling proposition. Exile was once a form of punishment, but for some people, whether you are talking about personal life or career, exile is a Great Leap Forward.

"I loathe Abroad, nothing would induce me to live there," Uncle Matthew said, "And as for foreigners, they are all the same and they make me sick." English football is littered with sad tales of sporting exiles who would endorse all that Uncle Matthew says from the bottoms of their hearts: footballers who set out on the road to fame and fortune to the sound of trumpets, and came slinking back with their tails between their legs. The money was a nice idea, but the trouble is, Abroad is always full of foreigners, is it not?

Blissett, Hughes, Chapman, and now Ian Rush. Rush went to Italy to play for Juventus, to lead their attack as the deadliest striker in all Europe. He came back sadly diminished: a lost Welsh boy who couldn't cope, his confidence in tatters after the nightmare of Abroad.

It is tempting to be frightfully snooty and patronizing. What do you expect, a chap from that class, and all the provincialism that that kind of background implies? One imagines, no doubt unfairly, poor Rushie locked in his hotel room gloomily pouring HP Sauce on to his spaghetti and wondering if he could persuade them to heat up his fish fingers.

But provincialism is not a matter of class, it is a matter of temperament. Let us take Gary Lineker, of Barceiona, England, Everton and, more than anything else, of Leicester. "It never crossed my mind to go abroad," he said. "I've always been a homely sort of lad, with my football and my cricket."

But when he left for Spain in 1986, he did not take Leicester in his baggage. How about this for adaptation? Earlier this year, he was asked to join the commentary team on Spanish television. He thought he would have the expert summarizer role, and would be required to speak four or five times in each half. But that's not how they do it: he was expected to converse throughout 50-50 with the commentator. All in Spanish, naturally. "After that, I felt could cope with anything in

This, you will agree, is not bad. The more so when you consider that Lineker left school at 16, with the typical footballer's attitude that lessons had been a pleasant, soporofic break from the serious business of playing footy. It is not just Lineker's intellectual attainment that commands respect: it is his determination to adapt, to make Abroad work.

"There was no time to learn any Spanish before we went, it all happened so quick after the World Cup. But as soon as we got there, my wife and I started taking lessons. and we still do that now. Knowing



At home abroad: Spain is no pain for Lineker and his wife because when they decided to move there they did not put Leicester in their baggage

the language is vital, the most important thing of all. You don't want to spend all day sitting around a hotel not talking to anybody. You don't want to be unable to talk to vonr team-mates.

"To begin with, in the first few weeks, they're all very nice and patient, but you've got to make the effort to learn. They get bored with talking really slowly to you. These days, they don't slow down at all, we all speak together. But I mean, it's not as if you were doing them a favour by learning the language, is

As for the football, it is up and down. Lineker is a hero one week, a duffer the next. One week the air is full of gossip of his impending return to England, next week he has banged in a couple of goals and everyone in Barcelona loves him. He survived the passing of Terry Venables as manager, but his relationship with the present manager, Johann Cruyff, is not without its problems. There is nothing personal in this: Cruyff has rows with everyone; it is part of his

method. Lineker discovered in himself the ability to cope with Abroad when things get difficult, as well as when everything is lovely. He has three years of his contract left "but in a place like Barcelona, that doesn't mean too much". His equanimity is his most enviable trait.

All the same, moving Abroad was not an easy decision. The offer came virtually in the week he got married. He and his wife Michelle talked it through, exhaustively and exhaustingly. Every conversation was like one of Robinson Crusoe's creditand-debit lists: on the one hand we could do this, on the other hand we couldn't do that. Neither would come clean and state a strong preference, so they held a secret ballot, each writing down the real desire. The result was two "yes" votes. So they went.

"It's a different lifestyle, and we both love it. Within a week, we were happy with it. The weather, the food - the wine! The different hours, we adapted to that at once. I love my

siesta. It was just so easy to slot in. "Of course, you miss some things. Friends and relations came out a lot

in our first year, a lot less now. And

you miss stupid things like mint sauce and tea-bags - though I knew where to get tea-bags in Barcelona now. Getting a house was difficult, but a Spanish friend of Terry's helped us. Barcelona is a club that just leaves you to sort things out on

"I like the way that people here know how to live. Three or four restaurant with Spanish friends. They like to spend their money on living, not on houses. Spaniards like to sit down, get a good meal, and argue. You say something, they'll disagree - and that's a good evening. They're great talkers, and in Barcelona the first topic of

coversation is always football. "But it's difficult to look ahead. I just don't know what's going to happen. I could say I'm really looking forward to spending the next three years here - and next week be back in England."

Lineker has a gift for adaptation, and a rarer gift for contentment. He has never been booked in his life: this is the greatest tribute to his easy-going nature that could possibly be devised. It is this attribute

CRICKET

**Pakistanis** 

squeeze in

by 4 runs

Newcastle (Reuter) - The Paki-

stanis scored an exciting four-run win against a New South Wales invitation team in a

limited-overs match here yes-

290 for four in their 50 overs,

the invitation team were all out

for 286 with three balls

remaining.

The New South Wales team

had looked set for victory until wickets tumbled in the closing

overs to the leg spin of Abdul Qadir, who finished with four

A splendid 99 from their

opener, Mark Taylor, had given

the home side an excellent start

wicket partnership of 123 with Mark Waugh, who made 58. Earlier the Pakistanis, who

lost the toss and were sent in to

bat, punished the invitation

team's bowlers and Ramiz Raja

and Saced Anwar put on 112 for

Ramiz was dismissed for 74

and Saced for 65 but there was

no respite for the bowlers with

ljaz Ahmed making 69 and Javed Miandad 54 not out.

and he shared in a second

After the visitors had scored

that made the process of adaptation a simple matter for him.

"It's the way you're made, probably. Though I didn't know it before, the life suits me. But I think that the point is you've got to want to make it work. You've got to want to like it, you've got to make yourself like it. If you go out with the attitude, well, let's get two years out of the way and make a few quid and then I can get back - then you're never going to like it, you're never going to settle. You've got to make the effort to adapt culturally. And especially with the language.

● Temerrow: Football is as much a part of Spanish culture as it is of English. All over the world, football is a kind of Esperanto, a common language, a bond. But horse racing, and especially horse racing at Newmarket, is deeply and irretrievably English, and you could not imagine a foreigner fitting in there. Luca Cumani, deeply and irretrievably Italian, is a Newmarket man and trainer of this year's Derby winner. He chose the most alien place in the world in which to be YACHTING

# Muir the peacock is turned into a feather duster

From Bob Ross, Sydney

A crack in a structural part of of the cockpit. This forms part the deck that threatened to tear apart the after 12 feet of the hull forced the line honours favour.

The cracking was caused, the torsion erew believe, by the torsion loads on the hull as the sacht twisted through the waves. The

ite, Windward Passage II, to retire from the AWA Sydney-Hobart race in the early hours of decision was quickly made to retire when no repair options Windward Passage II, an 80ftwere open. "In our crew we have the people that built the boat and, on the best of advice that

long maxi designed by German Frers and built of exotic plastic laminates instead of aluminium, which had been considered normal for yachts of this size, was one of 27 yachts of the 119 starters forced out of the race in the first 26 hours by damage, crew illness or injury caused by punishing seas raised by 25- to 30-knot, southerly headwinds against current running towards the south at up to three knots off the New South

She had covered 140 nautical miles in the the first 12 hours and was leading the fleet, more than a mile in front of the nineyear-old Freis maxi. Raga-muffin, owned and skippered by Syd Fischer, when the crack developed and began to open.

Rod Muir, her skipper, said the problem was that in a very bad sea pattern, with steep 10fthigh waves on top of a 6.5ft swell, the yacht could not be slowed down sufficiently to stop her 36-tonne bulk falling out of the back of waves 15ft to 18ft in

"It was exactly like driving a semi-trailer off a second-story

The yacht was sailing under heavily reduced sail — tiny No. 5 headsail and doublereefed mainsail — but still charging along at nine knots. After she fell sharply off two waves, the crack opened in the side-deck about 12ft from the stern and ran down into the side

Indians are well on top

was there, we were only seconds

from having the decision made

for us." Muir said.
He retains complete faith in

the yacht's high-technology

construction and says she can

easily be repaired and strengthened - with a bulkhead or ring

frame - for the rest of the

start in commercial radio, which eventually built the fortune that

allowed him to build his yacht on a country station in Tasma-

nia, being first to finish in a Hobart race is a passion and

Muir was disappointed. "There

was nothing we could do about

it, and that's yacht racing." he said. "One day you are a

peacock; next day you are a

Windward Passage II's break-

down left Ragamuffin leading the race by a long way - nearly 40 miles ahead of the next yacht,

the Farr 50 Great News (Dave

Forbes and John Calvert-Jones)

- and also leading on corrected time estimations from the Farr

44 Madeline's Daughter (Peter Kurts) with Great News third

and the little Victorian

Threequarter Tonner, Illusion

CORRECTED TRIE LEADERS: I, Rag mulfin (S Fischer, NSW); 2, Madeline Daughter (P Kurts, NSW); 3, Great New (D Forbes)// Calvern-Jones, NSW);

(Gino Knezic), fourth.

But to the man who got his

Australian season.

feather duster

India dominated the second and Cama taking the first two places, and placing three more boats in the top 10. The British boats of Stephanie Rowsell and Jamie Lea remain in contention with fifth and sixth places. The

British have yet to find enough race in the international cadet class world championship in Bombay yesterday, with N Ved stronger winds suiting them. upwind speed to match the leading Indians, despite the RESULTS: 1, N Ved and V Kipplia (India); 2, Cama and A Ved (India); 3, Badensch and Menadue (Aus). British: 5, Rowsell and Menadue (Aus). British: 5, Rowsell and Mopridge (Exe SC); 8, Lea and May (Exe); 14, Neal and Lee; (Exe); 24, Vines and Laste (Tameses); 25, Bayliss and Barness (Tameses).

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL** 

# Interceptions keys to Viking success

The strong safety, Joey Browner, picked off two passes that led to first-quarter touch-downs as the Minnesota Vikings beat the Los Angeles Rams 28-17 in the National Football eague's National Conference (NFC) wild-card game on Box-

ing Day.
The Vikings advance to an NFC semi-final against the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday. At the semi-final stage last year, the Vikes beat San Francisco 36-24. The Philadelphia Eagles will face the Chicago Bears in the other NFC semi-final.

Browner intercepted passes on the Rams' first two series and set up touchdown runs 21 seconds apart by Anderson and Rice Anderson scored on a seven-yard run after Browner first interception. Rice then scampered 17 yards on the first play after Browner's second interception.

Everett, of Los Angeles, con-nected on 19 of 45 passes for 247 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions. Ellard, the

Rams' leading receiver, went without a catch until six min-utes remained because of the splendid Minnesota coverage. Anderson also had a one-vard touchdown plunge in the third quarter and Wilson hit Hilton with a five-yard scoring pass in Wilson completed 17 of 28 passes for 253 yards with no interceptions. Los Angeles scored on a three-yard pass to

Johnson, a 43-yard field goal by Lansford and an 11-yard toss to Minnesota held Los Angeles scoreless on three first-half

threats. Browner's first interception happened on the Minnesota one-yard line on the first possession of the game,

RESULTS: Wild-card games: AFC: Houston Clers 24, Cleveland Browns 23, NFC: Minnepota Villago 28, Los Angeles Rams 17. FKTURES: Conference semi-finals: Setunday: NFC: Chicago Bears v Prilizadophia Eagles; AFC: Chicamati Bengals v Seaties Seathawas. Sunday: AFC: Buffalo Bills v Houston Oilers: MFC: San Francisco v Minnesota. AFC and NFC championship games: Sanuary 8. Super Bowl XXIII (at Mismi): January 22.

BADMINTON

Gallagher

loses his

No. 1 spot

By a Special Correspondent

Anthony Gallagher's with-drawal from the Sun Life Scot-tish invitation singles event

earlier this month because of

earlier this month because of injury has proved costly as he has been overtaken in the Scottish rankings by Kenny Middlemiss, a player he has not lost to in two seasons.

The mid-season rankings are

based on a player's two best

performances out of five speci-

fied tournaments, but are

weighted heavily in favour of the Sun Life. Middlemiss's win in that tournament guaranteed

him the No.1 slot, but there is

outside Scotland.
Gailagher, who won the West
Open and the Dunfermline

no allowance in the rankings for

results gained in tournaments

#### **OLYMPIC GAMES**

#### Tanzania dismisses officials

Dar es Salaam (AFP) - Two leading officials of the Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) have been dismissed in an attempt to raise the standard of sport and discipline in the country.
The dismissal of the Olympic

committee chairman, Raphae Kugaba, and his secretary Erasto Zambia, was announced vesterday by the National Sports Council (NSC). The council also said that it

had forced the resignation of two senior soccer administrators for creating a confusing atmosphere within football administration in the country. The NSC chairman, Hamza Kasongo, said that Kugaba and Zambia had been dismissed

from the Olympic comittee because of lack of leadership standards, indiscipline, the violation of Olympic ethics and the putting of personal interests before those of the country. The downfall of the two men had been expected after a report

h a National Sports Council official which accused them of turning Tanzanian participation in the Olympic Games at Scoul into a business trip.

The report alleged that

Kugaba had included his American business partner in the Olympics without the know-ledge of the Government Kugaba dismissed the allegation as nothing but lies. The National Sports Council

said that the Tanzania Football Association chairman, Mohamed Mussa, and the general secretary. Colonel Yunus Ablallah, had been forced to resign because they blamed Zanzibar for refusing to fix the outcome of a football match

Tanzania needed only to draw with Zanzibar to advance to the semi-finals of the East and Central Africa football championships in Malawi. Zanzibar won the match 1-0, a result which reportedly created a rift between the two countries.

# Road back for Kristiansen

**ATHLETICS** 

**By David Powell** 

Ingrid Kristiansen will spend 1989 toughening herself up on the United States road racing circuit in an attempt to break two women's distance running barriers. She will set up camp in ary 8 with a view to a heavy racing programme designed to take her under 2 hours 20 minutes for the marathon and The Norwegian holder of the

5.000 and 10,000 metres world records, as well as the marathon to select London or Boston as her course for an attempt next spring on sub-2-20. She is known to favour London — on which she set the present world best of 2hr 21min 06sec in 1985 - but is keen also to race her two outstanding contemporaries at the distance, Rosa Mota, of Portugal, and Joan Mota, of Portugal, and Joan to be going elsewhere in 1989, Benoit-Samuelson, of the United States.

Mota, the world and Olympic champion, is planning to run as a member of her "big five" —
Boston, while Benoit- together with a course which amuelson, the former holder of the world best and 1984 Olym-pic gold medal winner, has not yet announced her plans for "Outside of the Olympics and

season, when some of the best

hockey is played. Although unsponsored and now unsung, it

still brings the England selectors to the sidelines.

The National Westminster Friday.

Kristiansen: determined that Lisa Martin, of Australia the runner-up to Mota in Scoul has committed herself to London, will be of some

encouragment to the organizers of Britain's top marathon. Kristiansen: Martin's pres-ence - Kristiansen regards her Kristiansen knows and favours.

1989, though is likely also to run
Boston. the world championships, it's important that we all do the Grete Waitz, her compatriot, same races, otherwise it's no turn her attentions to the 10,000 may also influence Kristiansen's good for the sport. I want to run choice of marathon. The fact with Rosa, but I still want to run at 30min 13.74sec.

North. The Seniors start with

North v Midlands, then East

(the holders) play West, fol-lowed by South v Midlands.

Play continues tomorrow and

HOCKEY

Territorial imperative

There are two highly contested Bank under-2! territorial tour-

women's tournaments starting nament has, in contrast, great today (Joyce Whitehead writes).

One is sponsored, the other is up to the European under-21

not, and both are on the championship. There are two Coventry School playing fields, artificial pitches at Coventry

oundon. and the under-21s start with The territorial tournament is, South v North, followed by

for players, a highlight of the Midland v West and East v

Kristiansen, aged 32 and unquestionably the greatest

man distance runner of them all, is determined to compensate for her failure in Seoul to win her first Olympic medal. Having finished fourth in the marathon in 1984, the first Olympics with distances for women beyond 1500 metres, she began as favourite to win the 10,000 metres in Scoul. But an injury to the arch of her right foot forced her to withdraw after seven laps, leaving Olga Bondarenko, of the Soviet Union, to take the gold medal, and Liz McColgan, of Britain, the silver.

"I have a lot to make up for in 1989." Kristiansen said, "My fitness now is good and I can train as much as I want. I am going to the United States to do a lot of racing. I will compete with the men for tough competition and will try to race every week. That's good training for doing a good marathon -like Steve Jones did before New York. He did a good marathon in New York [first in 2:08:20] and competed a lot two months before the race."

After her spring marathon, for which she is forsaking the defence of her world cross country title in her home country in March, Kristiansen will

**TABLE TENNIS** 

#### Chinese lured by more cash

Peking (AFP) - China's retired champions are leaving the country in search of higher salaries, seriously affecting the future of the sport here, the coach of the national team said

"You can't be afraid of giving them too much money, because that would make them willing to stay with the team," Xu Shaofa told a meeting of Chinese sports officials and coaches. He sug-gested some kind of legal restric-tions on retired players,

Javed Manidad 34 not out.
PAKISTANIS
Ramiz Reja c March b Matthews ...
Seed Arrwar c Holland b Buddon ...
Jaz Ahmed c Arms b Waugh ...
Javed Miandad not out ...
Salim Malik c Dyer b March .....
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the first wicket.

Total 290 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-112, 2-189, 3-221 4-267. 

# Whitney Ibw b Asqib\_\_\_\_\_ Extras (b 2, Ib 11, w 1, rb 7) .\_  **TENNIS** 

#### **Curtain up for mixed** event and Mandlikova

From Barry Wood, Perth

An event that may prove to be of historical significance gets under way today in Perth, when Jeremy Bates plays Pat Cash in the inaugural match of the Hopman Cup.
The first international team

competition to feature both men and women, the event is named after the Australian coach, Harry Hopman, who died in 1986, aged 79. A member of Australia's Davis Cup team from 1928 to 1932, he went on to enjoy unprecedented success with the team as their coach. In the early 1970s he settled in the United States and established a tennis camp which enjoyed the

highest reputation.

The idea for the tournament came from Paul McNamee, a former Wimbledon doubles champion, who retired at the Australian Open last January. He enlisted the help of Charlie Fancutt, another popular player now enjoying retirement, and soon persuaded his good friend Cash to lend his support. That, and the signing of Steffi Graf, guaranteed the event would receive the initial boost that any new tournament requires.

In takes time to capture a spot on the calendar, but the intention is for the tournament to become a permanent part of the men's and women's tour rather than a special event, an exhibition, as it is now. The idea is appealing and

get in, for the hall holds 14,000, the same as the centre court at the National Tennis Centre in As well as Cash, the evening will feature Hana Mandlikova's first match representing Australia, and it will be her first competition since Wimbledon. A hamstring injury and dis-enchantment with the game and the way of life it entails led to her taking a break, but she is

imagination of the local people, starved of a major tennis event

in Western Australia since 1982

It was claimed that the queue for tickets for the first night's play stretched for one and a half miles. They should all be able to

prepared to try again. Her opponent is Sarah Loosemore. Mandlikova, although out of the top 30, will represent one of the highest-ranked players Loosemore has tackled, and the huge arena and crowd will be a new experience. However, in her usual down-to-earth manner, she is determined that she will not be overwhelmed by the

She should have a chance to settle in for the singles, for the format demands that the men's singles is followed by the mixed doubles. By the time the Welsh schoolgirl stands alone against Mandlikova, most of her nerves should have melted away.

Open ahead of most of his Scottish rivals, is relegated to second, with Jim Mailer, of Stirling, third. Anne Gibson, who won the women's title in the Sun Life,

moves up to No. 1 in the women's rankings, with the former No. 1. Aileen Nairm, outside the top 10 because of university commitments.

MID-SEASON RANGINGS: Mes: 1. K Middlemiss (Edinburgh); 2. A Gellagher (Perth); 3. J Maler (Shring); 4. K Scott (Guidford; 5. I Pringe (Glasgow); 6. D Travers (Glasgow), Women: 1. A Gibson (Dumfries); 2. J Alien (Edinburgh); 3. S Bwil (Glasgow); 4. G Marth (Brookleid); 5. E Alien (Edinburgh); 6. N Brown (Howood).

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated Barclays League Lincoln v Doncaster

CAPITAL PMANCE AND LEASING SOUTH WEST COUNTES LEAGUE: New-port County v Cardiff City VALUCHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second di-vision south: Fethern v Mederineed United.

TOUR MATCH: frelend under-25 v littly CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Barnsley v Liverpool. Second division: Stoke v Mensileid. OTHER SPORT OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Oxrord United v Ipswidt.

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Brantford v Welling (7.45). VOLLEYBALL: International club tour-nament (Crystal Palace).

SPORT ON TV BOWLS: BBC2 5:30-6 p.m.: Jack High: Highlights of the Wookvich Masters sournament from Worthing.

RUGBY UNION

10.13 p.m.: Review or the World 500cc Champonship.

MOTOR SPORT: Sky Channel 6.45-7.05

J.M. and 10.50-11.05 p.m.: Paris to Daker

raily: Report.

CLYMPIC GAMES 1988: C4 1-2.25 p.m.:

Paris Horman's Assessed States of the CLUB MATCHES: Jed-Forest v Glasgow Academicals (2.0); Lakcaster v Barbarians

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1 San 100 RUGBY UNION: RICHMOND HANDED SALUTARY LESSON IN ART OF BALL PROTECTION BY HARLEQUINS SCRATCH SIDE

# Sheasby provides screen for Luxton

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

Harlequins .

On the evidence presented at the Athletic Ground yesterday, on a mild and sunlit afternoon, it is no wonder that Richmond are languishing near the bottom of the second division in the league. Harlequins were able to field a team composed almost entirely of second and third team players, yet still won in some comfort, by a goal, three tries and a penalty goal to a try and a

Richmond's capacity for abusing possession seemed infinite — generosity en-couraged by the time of year perhaps but unfortunate none the less. They twice led briefly in the first quarter, but then watched the Harlequins disappear, if not out of sight, too

far away to be caught. In the first half, which they ended leading 15-7, Harlequins played some attractive football which was at odds with a scuffle in the second half, the consequence of a high tackle by Thomas on Risman' which caused too many Richmond forwards to take out their frustration on the nearest opponent. They would have done better examining their own failure to protect the ball in the tackle, to support the ball-carrier and the virtual erasure of their lineout.

Sheasby had a particularly good game at No. 8 for Harlequins, well supported by Luxton, the sprightly New Zealander, at scrum half. He scored a try either side of halfand Hardcastle, the second after a break to the blind side of a scrum by Sheasby.

It was the ability of Harlequins to move the ball quickly which gave them their initial advantage. Eagle enjoyed himself on the wing, scoring his try after a run of 40 metres in which he beat two men and which cancelled out the penalty kicked by Livesey after

Morrish crossed unopposed in the corner to restore Richmond's lead, but Harlequins, who frequently used Butcher's strength to set up secondphase possession, worked Glenister over after Eagle contrived an inside pass behind the defence.

Had Thomas - playing out of position at centre, as did Glenister (normally a scrum half) at full back — had better luck with his goal-kicking Richmond would have been buried. As it was they were able to blunt the Harlequins' second-half thrust without threatening to reduce the leeway.

may: Livesey. Hartequine: Tries: Lindon (2), Esple, Glenister. Penalty: Thomas. Convention: Glenister. RICHMOND: A Hampel; C Mornish (rep. R Holman), J Risman, R Rydon, R Forde; M Livesey, J Culier; P Hackett, O Hellawell, D Goodwin, D Sole, A Maren, D Cooper, E Soundary, M Code

HARLECURIS: R Glenister, J Engle, M Thomas, L van Niekerk, E Davis: M Herdesstle, C Ludon; B Todd, N Killick, A, Multins, C Butcher, N Provan, D Thresher, C Mantel, C Stressby. Referet: A Triog (London).

 On Monday the Alumni youth side, from Buenos Aires, will begin an eightmatch tour by playing Rich-mond under-17s in a curtainraiser to the senior side's game



# surgery on his knee

By Owen Jenkins

Mark Ring, the Cardiff and Wales centre, faces the prospect of major surgery on his damaged right knee today and could be out of the game for the rest of the season. Ring, capped 16 times for Wales, damaged his knee in a heavy tackle against Pontypridd on Boxing Day and was given a full examination by a specialist yesterday morning.

C. D. Williams, a senior selector at Cardiff, said: "The first opinion given was that he will be out for three months, but I hope doctors are being pessimistic. He's damaged the medial ligaments and possibly the cartilage. It's not cheerful news. Mark got over his problems about which code he overcame his problems with the selectors about the Romanian game, and now this happens to him."

The injury comes as a further blow to Ring. He injured his left knee three years ago and was out of rugby for 11 months. "I'm not very well," Ring said. "I've been told that unless the ligaments are in better nick than they think they are, I'll be out for the rest of the season. I'll be going into the infirmary on Wednesday and they'll open me up to see how things look. But I could be facing major

"My first thoughts were of immense disappointment, but I have to come to terms with the situation quickly. I certainly don't intend to pack it in. I'll make another huge effort to make as quick a return as possible."

Ring will now miss not only the Welsh training trip to Spain next week, but also the five-nations' championship. However, if the injury is a prolonged one, he could be unavailable or unready for the Lions tour to Australia next

R. H. Williams, the chair-man of the Welsh selectors, good and we've been told that we'll be without Mark for

The selectors face further problems for the Spanish trip. Robert Jones, the Swansea scrum half, is doubtful. Wiliams added: "Robert has neavy 'flu and in all probabilty will not be able to travel."

# Ring facing Thresher's inviting prospect Askeans surviving

By David Hands

of England's training squad.

arrive this morning.

Leicester's form in the league

this season has not been so imposing as last year but they have managed well enough this month without their divisional

representatives, beating

It is unusual for the Barbarians to approach the annual Christ-mas game with Leicester, at Welford Road this afternoon, with three matches behind them they will be accused of training seriously for the game if they go on like this. In beating Glasgow Academicals and New-port, and losing to the Australians, they have averaged 41 points for the season.

Of all their regular fixtures, however, the one with Leicester is the one they enjoy winning most. It takes place at a significant time of year, when playing aspirations are at a high pitch and players want to be seen performing well, particularly now that national trials have, by and large, become a thing of the past.

The Barbarians have made Gloucester, Blackheath and two amendments to their original team after the withdrawal of Clement (Swansea) at full back, and his club colleague, the season; and Thornley, the Managary of No. 8 Therefore Explanate Processors and Thornley, the State of State Moriarty, at No. 8. Thresber, England B flanker, and Richthe Harlequins and England B ards, the England No. 8, for an full back, was delighted to be as-yet unspecified period.

told at Richmond yesterday that he was to make his first appearporated into the side the youthance for the invitation club and ful talents of Kardooni, at scrum he will be joined in the side by Teague, the Gloucester No. 8, who, like Thresher, is a member half, ahead of Kenney and Youngs, who between them have provided Leicester's link for the best part of 13 years. Today's match, though, is one in which Kardooni, the former The Barbarians will be re-lieved to know that Campese, the Australian wing, was also among those watching the club match between Richmond and Sherborne schoolboy, should flourish with his strong break and fast service and he will Harlequins. He is one of three enjoy the test provided by Griffiths, the experienced Lla-Italy; Lafond and Mesnel, the nelli scrum half. two Frenchmen, are expected to

nelli scrum half.

LEICESTER: W Hare; B Evana, P Dodge, I
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Richardson, J Welfe, M Reid, T Smith, I
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BARBARUANS: S Threeber (Hartequins);
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and France). D Campese (Milano and
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#### Italy aim Evans waits for a to make run of good luck

By Peter Bills

Anyone involved with the for-tunes of Welsh rugby could be forgiven for thinking that luck was not on their side in thesecond half of 1988.

Icuan Evans, the interna-tional wing, is prepared to believe that everyone connected with the game has been suffering the consequences of a period of ill-fortuse that Wales cannot wait to see the back of, Evans, who was unable to play for two months because of a

dislocated shoulder, thought that a training run on Christmas night would be a useful prepara-tion for his comeback match for Llanelli on Boxing Day. He decided to cross a main

but fate struck again and he caught his foot on an uneven kerb and went sprawling, wrenching his ankle. road on to a wider pavement, "Of course," Evans said, "no

one would ever have believed that I was sober on Christmas night. But I was, and it could have been a lot worse." Evans strapped the ankle and played, safely emerging from his first light work-out. But sterner

tests lay ahead.
To prove himself ready for a return to international rugby, Evans plans a heetic schedule in the New Year. He will play against Rosslyn Park on Sat-urday and Swansea on Monday. and go to Spain with the Welsh squad before facing Neath.

That should basten his recovery, but the Weish selectors might be tempted to wrap Evans and his colleagues in cotton wool before the first match of the five nations' championship, against Scotland on January 21.



Evans: wrenched an ankle

"I need the games to restore my match fitness. For six weeks I could not even run or do weight-training due to the risk of falling or jarring the shoulder. It needed complete rest."

Evans said that he was probably well out of Wales's recent trials and tribulations at international level. Untarnished by the dismay, he offers a less bleak assessment of the Welsh game as it approaches 1989.

'It is not all gloom and doom. Last year, no one gave us a hope before the five nations' but we won the triple crown. I would say wait until the five nations' is over before pontificating."

Or until England have won at Cardiff for the first time in 26 years? Evans smiled gently: Yes, if we lose that one I'll

# Surrey cast aside injury mishaps

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urrey won a rather disjointed 8-group schoolboys match at ie St Mary's Hospital ground at eddington yesterday and just bout deserved it. Surrey scored goal and two penalties to a bal, having led 9-0 at half-time.

Conditions were ideal but uch of the play was character-tic of teams still trying to come accustomed to each her's company. Nobody stood it, and although there were a ir number of individual runs, ey were usually spoiled by ild passing. However, Surrey fended well during the open-g quarter and their forwards uckled down to their task

Slevin gave Surrey the lead th the first of his two cen-

from 30 metres. Alexander, one of their centres injured a leg and had to be replaced. In the last minute of the half, Shackel drove off the back of a lineout, the ruck was quickly won, and McCulloch, coming into the

Middlesex scored their try early in the second half, but so quietly that few of the spectators were aware of it. Stewart was caught in two minds inside the Surrey 22 and enquiries re-vealed that in the subsequent muddle Breedon touched down Diprose made it a goal and later missed a long penalty.

Slevin kicked a penalty, leaving Middlesex needing to score at least twice to win. Ritchie, the Surrey No. 8 and captain, was concussed near the end but his

Culloch. Conversion: Slavin. Pensities: Sievin (2).

MIDDLESEX 18-GROUP; 5 Celtarmole (UCS); R Wilston (Merchent Taylors), M Lawson-Smith (St Benedic's), G Sloam (Gunnersbury), S Esprit (St Benedicis); J Diprose (Harmon), N Trees (UCS); A Maden (Lstymer), P Delaney (Oratory), R Hodges (Feltham), A Stavni (Harmon), R Benedich (St Paul's), R Luisszowskit (Oratory), G Mortimer (Mill: HB), D Slankson (UCS).

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SURREY 18-GROUP: C Scott (Monkton Combe), M Stevins (John Fisher), J Alexander (Tittin; rep: A Carroll, Epsona), M Leonard (John Fisher), G Stewart (Mizheld), J Nettleton (St Paulst, D Phelpe (Winnbedon College), D Fay (John Fisher), G Anderson (Winnbedon College), M Sheckel (Caterham), S Bayles (Worth), J Hurtl (S Pauls), W Akin-Olughade (Epsom), C Ritchiel (KCS; rep: 8 Richardson, KCS).

Referees M Onton (Finctiondahire). se: N Orton (Hertfordshire).

#### promotion pitfalls In addition they have incor-Askeans, who have found life

hard in the national third division of the Courage Clubs field last month - have a double reason for looking forward to the first month of the They hope to cast off the

injury problems which bave plagued them this season and defeat West Hartlepool when the league fixtures resume on January 14; and, on January 27, they are due to play Eastwood, the Sydney first division club, which includes among its members, Steve Tuyuman, Scott Gourley and Ian Williams, all Australian internationals, and whose tour takes them to France, to Cork Constitution in Ireland and Boroughmuir in Scotland.

After winning promotion from area league south at the were dismayed to lose their first six league games this season, one by the dispiriting margin of 41-3 against Rugby.

"But we feel we have learned fast, adjusted well and can do ourselves justice in 1989," John Ratcliffe, their spokesman, said.

"We have found, however, that becoming a senior club in one season produces a catch-22 situation. The established senior clubs, like Wakefield and Plymouth Albion, have expressed the view that the meven quality of our fixture list is a major problem for us. Their players have to prosper at a reasonably consistent level of competition every week. Ours can achieve a good win without stretching themselves against many of the clubs we still play."

This is a problem which

#### hard though Askeans are division of the Courage Clubs Champiouship — they have fixtures. The trick, of course, won only once, against Shef- is to survive the initial year of playing plans out of kilter. as the league set-up matures

"It will be interesting to see whether newly-promoted 'junior' clubs can prosper in the senior leagues, given that they have just 11 games in which to adjust," Ratcliffe said. Askeans have been en

still joining them: Peter Greenway, formerly of London Welsh, has been playing full back since the start of the season; Simon Fowler, a backrow man from Fylde, played and Steve Cheval, the flanker end of last season, Askeans them over several seasons, looks likely to become available once more after a knee injury threatened to terminate his career.

four days, against a combined clubs XV, Dubai and an Emirates Airways Select XV.

Stroud, whose league season Strond second row and is now captain of Dubai Exiles.

#### Turnbull works hard for Kelso showdown

The 1988 part of the Scotch Beef Border League will be completed on Hogmanay when Langholm, who have yet to win a point, face Selkirk. With more than half of the games played in the oldest competition in Social Part of the second of the sec the oldest competition in Scotland, Kelso and Melrose are the

joint leaders with 12 points.

But stulking them are Hawick, whose narrow win against the champions. Jed-Forest, on Monday means that Hawick have lost only one match in the competition this season, against Gala in September when the Netherdale club recorded a 28-15 victory.

They should have little diffi-

culty in beating Langholm on January 7, but the next week they meet Kelso in what will almost certainly be the deciding match in the McEwan's Nat-ional League, with reper-cussions, too, for the Border competition. The international flanker,

The England centre, Simon Halliday (right), out of regby for seven weeks with damaged knee ligaments, plans a return in

season, rest their captain, Strart Barnes, and England the prop, Gareth Chilcott, but still include nine internationals. The Bristol second-row forward, Matthew Skuse, has broken a hand and will be absent for about a month. Coventry, beaten at Moseley

#### promotion and to build up a squad of players so that a run of injuries does not throw

couraged that good players are his first game last weekend

Among other recent recruits is Nick Butcher, a lock from Stroud, the area league south club, who have been invited to visit Dubai in February. They are due to play three games in

also picked up after an un-distinguished start, have vis-ited the United States, West Germany and Belgium on tour in recent years. The invitation to Dubai emanates from Chris Kelly, a former pupil at Marling who played in the

**David Hands** 

training again and he is expected to play soon for one of the major

des. But when he will reappear in Scotland's plans will depend on his ability to regain match Hawick are also likely to be without the services of their young forward, Brian Renwick, who, like Turnbull, and the

hawick captain, Keith Murray, has joined the police force. He will be doing his initial training in central Scotland during the next eight weeks. BORDER LEAGUE

# Halliday aims to return

Bath's bome game with North-ampton on Saturday. Bath, who are unbeaten this

on Boxing Day, ring the changes for their visit to Cheltenham on Saturday with a mumber of players declaring the un-availability for the trip.

FOR THE RECORD AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL): NFC wild-card play-off game: Mannesota Vikings 28, Los Angeles Rains 17, (Minners away to San Francisco 49ers.)

BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Houston Hockets 97. Charlotte Homets 95; Marmi Heat 111, San Antonio Epurs 105; Washington Sudes 120, New Jersey Nets 106; Phoenix Suns 111, Los Angeles Lakars 96.

BOWLS

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Bousfield (Darlington) bt B Gerside, 15-12; G
Stopp bt T Scott, 15-6, Section C. W McQueen
(Larlinati) bt G Souter, 15-3; E Ramadaie
(Darlington) bt D Smith, 15-5, Section P. D
Earl bt R Suthertand (Livingston), 15-6; B
Graham bt H Johnson, 15-9, Section P. D
Comwell (Bill) bt S Palmer (Bill), 15-6; M
Cullingsworth bt J Binabatt, 15-12; Section P. D
Hoth (Manchester) bt A Cordukes, 15-11; S
Wintersgill bt T Sharp, 15-5. Section G: D
Ramsstale (Darlington) bt D Webb (Tyre and
Weart, 15-14; J Wennington bt M Garry, 1512. Section H: A Jones Dt J Radnal (Ipswich),
15-11; D Archer bt D Hare, 15-5.

CRICKET CURRIE CUP: Johnsteburg: Transvall 232: (C E B Rice 58) and 154 for 6 dec (K M Curran 4 tor 52; Netal 94 (B M McMittan 4 tor 27) and 123 for 6, Port Elizabeth: Eastern Province 251 (K S McEwan 107; C J P G van Zyl 4 for 47) and 151 for 5 (D Callagines 59 not out; Crange Free State 135 (G J Parsons 44; L Hobson 5 tor 29, Capa Townt: Western Province 235 (P N Kinsten 66; F de Villiers 6 for 47) and 155 for 1, L Seeff Eg, T Lazard 57 not out; Northern Transveral 250 (L Barnard 79, M Yachad 58; E Simons 4 for 34). SHELL CUP: Assistant: Orago 122 for 9; Auditand 123 for 4 (R Reid 59). Levin: Central Districts 213 for 7 (S Brissco 57 not out); Northern Districts 147. Christobarch: Welling-ton 158; Cartisrbury 145.

FOOTBALL INTERNATIONAL MATCH: iraq 0, Kuwalt 2 (in Baghdag). ICE HOCKEY

MATIONAL LEAGUE (Ni<sup>†</sup>IL): New York Rang-ers 5, New Jercey Devils 1; New York Istanders 4, Toronto Mapie Leafs 3; Prits-burgh Panguins 4, Harrford Witzlers 3; Butfalo Sabres 2, Boston Bruces 1; St Louis Blues 4, Chicago Block Heavis 1; Akrmesota North Stars 5, Winnipeg Jets 1; Calgery Flames 8, Vancouver Canucks 2 (OT). GENEVA: Spengler Cup: Team Carada 5, Kritya, Moscow 4 (OT); USA Selects 6, Davos Selection 5.

SNOW REPORT SMOW REPORT

SCOTLAND: Calengers, Glerabe, Glerabe,
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#### **MOTOR RALLYING**

## Vatanen recovers lost ground as penalty is lifted

Dakar raily have quashed the 21-minute penalty given to the former world rally champion, Ari Vatanen, of Finland, on Christmas Day because he had

Vatanen had claimed that his Pengeot had become stuck in traffic in the drive from Paris to Barcelona and that his late arrival was beyond his control. After hearing of the decision,
Ted Toleman, leader of the
leading British team in the rally
said: "We all got stuck in traffic
that day — and Peugeot of all
people don't need that kind of
help — if you are late then you
are late."

The decision has also angered Vatanen's main rivals, Mitsubishi, ensuring that the battles for supremacy on the 6,370-mile rally began before the competitors had even arrived in Africa.

The ferries carrying the cars, motorcycle and trucks to Tu-nisia for the first special stage tomorrow, arrived in Tunis late last night in time for the restart

The organizers of the Paris to of the rally in the centre of the Tunisian capital today.
The competitors arrived to find extravagant measures had en taken to make them feel welcome. Streets were decorated

with flags and banners. The 150 motorbikes and cars left in the rally will drive from Tunis to Tozeur today in preparation for the first competitive part of the event. The drive to Tozeur will be an important one for the Toleman team, who will spend Wednesday night preparing their Range Rover, which was damaged by fire after a crash in Barcelona on Boxing

Day. Ted Toleman said "We think the fire could have been caused by a speciator throwing down a cigarette when they came to help right the Range Rover which had rolled onto its side. We hope the vehicle should be in one piece in time for the beginning of the rally proper LEADING POSITIONS (Monday): 1, G Frequein (Fr), Peugeot 205, Bintin 40.27sec; 2, J Ickx (Bel), Paugeot 465, 5:51.67; 3, P Wambergue (Fr), Peugeot 205, 6:53.50; 4, P Larrigue (Fr), Missubishi, 6:59.90; 5, P Tambey (Fr), Missubishi, 7:09.15.

CRICKET

### Leading PR firm adopted by MCC

A sports promotion and public relations company has been contracted by MCC to help them keep both members and the public better informed about decisions taken by the club at Lord's. Its first assignment will be to advise the club on arrangements for the world's media at the International Cricket Conference meeting in London on January 23, when the future of Test cricket is threatened by the

South African issue. The firm chosen by MCC is Karen Earl Ltd., which already handles the Cornhill Insurance sponsorship of Test matches, as well as the Benson and Hedges competition. Miss Earl, whose company also helps promote golf, tennis and other sports, has helped MCC in the past and her company was selected by the club from several candidates.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Stephenson, the MCC secretary, said: "I shall continue to handle the day-by-day press inquries, but Miss Earl's firm will advise us on the bigger, more controversial issues and how best to explain them. MCC do a lot for cricket. Recently misunderstandings have arisen because the facts have not been

In the past two years MCC have invoked the help of management consultants to in several areas. The appointment of a public relations consultant follows the committee's guarantee to the 18,000 membership that they would be kept better informed what was This arose in turn from a

Miss Earl was a woman and

therefore ineligible for MCC membership. In her own field

she is the best choice," he said.

troubled period in 1987 when first the annual report and accounts were rejected at the annual meeting; and later when there was criticism of a decision to impose a £50 registration fee on the 13,000-plus people on the club's membership waiting list. Among the problems Miss Earl's firm will have to meet is

the continued confusion in the public mind about the differences between MCC and the Test and County Cricket Board. MCC, which is a private club, remains responsible these days only for the laws of cricket and also provides the administra-tion for the ICC; the board is in

He said it was irrelevant that **BASKETBALL** 

# Vrankovic picks Spain

Zagreb (Reuter) - Stojko Vrankovic has turned down the chance to become the first Yugoslav to play in the American National Basketball Association (NBA) and signed instead a three-year contract with Real Madrid worth more than £400,000.

He will team up in Spain with Drazen Petrovic, who used to play for Cibona Zagreb and cost Real £1.4 million. Vrankovic, aged 23, said: "I had very serious contacts with the NBA's Boston Celtics and almost signed the contract."

**CYCLING** Coltman

off crash

By Peter Bryan Glen Coltman recovered from a heavy fall on a slippery descent to fight back and and still have

shakes

field cyclo-cross yesterday.

He crashed when in the lead halfway through the 14-mile race at South Park tosing 15 seconds, but was strong enough to rejoin Graham Douce and Fred Salmon three miles from the finish. Salmon, last year's London champion, was tailed off leaving Coltman and Douse, brother of the national champion, Steve, to contest the final

two laps.
Colman's strength on the muddy, long uphill run to the finish, gave him a three lengths victory, Salmon, although tiring in the closing stages, managed to hold on to third place finishing 1 min 13sec behind the winner. David Baker, in his first w David baker, in his hist season as a professional, had two victories in Luxembourg during the Christamas holiday—twice beating Tim Gould, his Peugeot colleague.
RESULTE: 1, G Column (Lekester RC), thr Bmin 30sec; 2, G Douss (Wembley) at 1 min 21sec; 3, F Salmon (Ace RT) at 1:13.

**BOWLS** 

#### Day of mixed fortunes for leading Scots

Alex McIntosh and Willie McQueen, both Scottish inter-nationals, made impressive starts to the Jennings international masters tournament at

Thornaby yesterday.

They won their opening games against local opponents by convincing margins, but there was a setback awaiting another Scot. Bob Sutherland, of Livingston, the 1982 world indoor singles champion, who found Bert Earl too much of a handful and ended his opening game 10 shots adrift.

Three of England's top younger bowlers, all past national champions, were severely tested. John Rodnall, from Ipswich, lost his opening game, David Ramsdale was tal the last end, and David Holt, from Manchester, was hard pressed before finishing four

"The prospects aren't

alties, an angled kick, the ball intercepting to relieve the strain; dropping just over the crossbar and McCulloch crossing the By Gordon Allan dropping just over the crossbar

> midfield from the right wing, crossed for a try halfway out to the left, which Slevin converted.

judge's flag on the far side.

SURREY 18-GROUP: C Scott (Monkton

Middlesex line again in the last minute, only for the try to be disallowed when the referee's attention was drawn to a touch SCORIERS: Middlesex: Try: Breedon. Conversion: Diprose. Survey: Try: Mc-Culloch. Conversion: Slevin. Passities:



experience and experiment, including six uncapped players. Tonight's opposition, looks the weakest they will face in the tenday tour. On Saturday they meet the full Ireland side at

Lansdowne Road and finish with a game in Cork against the Combined Provinces XV which will be bristling with inter-. will be bristing with inter-national players.

Michael Bradley, Ireland's World Cup scrum-half but out of favour this season, will captain an under-25 team which contains only one other capped

player. Terry Kingston, the hooker, who also plays for Munster.Haly, of University College, Cork, replaces Clinch at centre.

IRELAND UNDER-25: F Dunles
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Bradley (Constitution); N Popplewell
(Greystonee), T Klogston (Dobrin), P
Clohessy (Young Murster), C Pim (Old
Wesley), P Johns (Gosforth), A Higgins
(University College, Galway), M
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**Boxing Day** share-out of receipts Coventry are more than £2,000 richer after the Boxing Day

gate-sharing scheme which other clubs may follow (Michael Austin writes). "We meet Coventry twice a season." Bernard Malin, the Moseley general manager, said yesterday. "The receipts for the annual Boxing Day match, played alternately home and away, are by far the greater, so we pool the takings and take a

"In the event of bad weather

game at Moseley and a novel

cancelling the Boxing Day match, the cash shortfall is borne by both clubs. Receipts are split for Pilkington Cup games but we believe that our arrangement with Coventry is unique in English club rugby.
"We now play Gloucester regularly home and away on New Year's Day and perhaps the successful gate-sharing project could be extended to that fixture."

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# Umpires duck issue as bouncers fly

From John Woodcock

The third Test match became a game of thuggery here yesterday as the West Indian fast bowlers, with the exception of Marshall, bombarded the Australian batsmen with salvo upon salvo of shortpitched balls. Yet the ugliness of it seemed entirely lost upon the umpires. Not once, that I saw, did they demur, as West Indies were gaining a first innings lead of 38. Between cool scuds of evening rain, West Indies, batting again, made 69 for one wicket.

On such a day it was ironic that the worst casualty should have been Logie, who had his nose broken while fielding close at short leg. It is a position in which he has become an important accomplice to the fast bowlers, using his cat-like agility to pounce on anything fended off in the least uppishly. Knowing to expect something short from Ambrose, Hughes slammed it straight at Logie, whose visor, buckled under the impact.

after a couple of decisions had gone against them in the first hour. From then on they bowled indiscriminately short. The umpiring might just as well have been done by robous or a couple of traffic wardens, except that the latter

like to enforce the law.

Richards's mood, the psychological pressure he put on the umpires, after first Waugh, then Wood had been given in, both to appeals for catches at the wicket, meant that the "corrector", awarded to level things up, was sure to come. When it did the victim was Healy, leg before to something that must have been passing well over the

It is no sort of a game played like this, as we have seen before — in Jamaica on England's last tour of the Caribbean, for example, and on an Trafford in 1976, and sometimes when West Indies have not been bowling. When, yes-terday, an Australian batsmanwas hit, there was not the



side. I found it thoroughly unedifying and no one will ever produce the heavy equipment to pursue such tactics as relentlessly and effectively and consistently as the West Indians. Others try, but even when Thomson and Lillee were in their prime, Mallett would bowl 20 or 30 overs of off breaks in a match.

On one of the old-time Melbourne pitches, bowling as West Indies did yesterday was a waste of effort, even for West



Short of glory: (from left) Ambrose and Patterson bowled bouncers; Marshall was frustrated regret from Richards and his done to quicken it up, and it is son pitched up — he had hit 12 side. I found it thoroughly harder, with more bounce and singles and collected as many

harder, with more bounce and grass, than anything seen here before. The Australians are known not to have been best pleased when they first sighted it, simply because it would encourage the West Indians to bowl as they did yesterday. Just how thankless a busi-

ness batting was can be seen from what Wood, an attacking player by choice, had to show from 130 minutes at the crease. When he drove Patterson low to cover point - one



Taylor ricked his back when ducking, which he spent much of the fifty minutes of his innings doing, and Waugh's pretty sight by the time he slashed the second ball after lunch to second slip, where. Greenidge caught him bril-liantly. The batsmen spent very little time protecting their stumps; it was their ribs and above at which the

only mains batsmen, it the ball fell just wide of the paralyses batsmanshin.

managed two or three strokes elusive. off the back foot, past extra cover that had the stamp of greatness. Australia's biggest partnership yesterday was one of 44 between McDermott and Hughes for the ninth wicket. They had a slog and the best crowd (32,845) of the three days enjoyed it, and although the short bowling continued, McDermott's left hand was

the only target to be hit.

Much the best of the day's proper bowling came from Alderman at the start of Australia's second innings. Pitching the new ball up and swinging it around, he had four good shouts for leg before turned down. Marshall, than whom no one has inflicted more injury and pain in his time, had once again looked a shadow of himself. When he did have Waugh caught at short leg, it was off a no ball.

attendance on Boxing Day

highest for five years, leading

football administrators yes-

terday tinged their optimism

With a compulsory mem-

bership card scheme on the

horizon, football is worried

that the "floating" supporters

who help swell the figures at

holiday times could be lost, at

considerable cost to the game.

enue from all-comers being

allowed through their turnstiles. Despite varying prob-

lems in recent seasons,

attendances have shown an

The trend is continuing. In

the pre-Christmas period this

More football, page 26

year, attendances were up by

The Boxing Day figure, including the match between

Norwich City and West Ham

United, was 562,408. The

average attendance for the

first division was 24,590, an

increase of 5,306 on last year.

attendances of the season:

Wednesday (25,573);

Sixteen clubs had their best

First division: Derby

County (25,213) and Sheffield

Second division: Brighton

and Hove Albion (13,515),

Leeds United (31,622),

Shrewsbury Town (7,347), Stoke City (21,056) and Sunderland (21,994);

Third division: Cardiff City

(10,675), Chesterfield (5,539), Gillingham (5,871), Notts County (11,590), Preston North End (12,104) and Southend United (5,034);

Fourth division: Carlisle

United - who issued vouchers

for their FA Cup third round

tie against Liverpool (10,013),

Lincoln City (8,038).

increase for four years.

games played.

Clubs are counting the rev-

with cautionary notes.

ply no orthodox counter to it His best balls were missed, on a pitch such as this; it not and if the batsmen skied him field. Marshall has been trying Waugh's last four innings in now for 222 balls for his 300th the series have been 90, 91, 26 Test wicket. I doubt whether and 42. As Australia's best any of the 299 he has taken player at the moment, he can have proved quite so

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football people are saying. It is

ment that is becoming a

Plumley said that family groups and friends and mem-

comforting upsurge."

was introduced.

someone has to sort out."

let us drive people away when

they are coming back to

utive of the Professional Foot-

ballers' Association, expressed

delight that the figures were

increasing for the third succes-

sive season. "People get the

impression the game is one

crisis after another," he said.

of the play-off games and said

that interest this season was

increased by Liverpool not

having a monopoly in the first division: "Everybody's going

There was also a resurgence

of interest in big clubs in lower

divisions, with Leeds United

Manchester City, Wolver-hampton Wanderers and

Swansea City having success.

"The increases in atten-dances are despite the mea-

sures to combat hooliganism.

Taylor said. He added that it

was only the fourth time since

the war that an increase in

attendances had come in

"That is so ironic when the

successive seasons.

to have a bite at the cherry."

He praised the introduction

football," Plumley said.

for five years

Despite the continuing in- and chief executive of Wat-

crease in interest in football ford, said: "This is excellent

this season, with the total news and bears out what

exceeding half a million, the a continuing line of improve-

# END COLUMN He leads and the world follows

By Gerald Davies

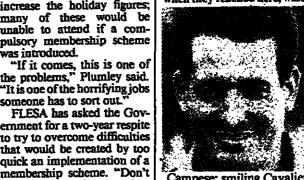
The celebrations, seasonal or otherwise, can last a while longer, if you please, before the year makes its final bow. Today David Campese is back, wearing the Barbarian jersey up Leicester way. From this observer's dis-

tance, at least, some players do stand apart from others, cast their spell and tickle a cry of wonder. Coaches may not readily like to admit to this all fellows treated equally, they may believe, serves their instructional and motivational purposes better — but it is as well they should observe the gifted man - recognize him and set him apart.

It is, perhaps, our good fortune that it was Bob Dwyer. who coached the recent Australian rugby team. Otherwise we might have missed Campese at his very best. Campese is not only a master winger, knowing his corridored patch along the touchline; he also possesses the footballing cleverness which allows him to go boldly best attendance where few wingers have gone before. The whole field is his domain; no parallel lines can confine him.

He and John Kirwan reign supreme in their left and right positions. If Campese adores the game because of his flourish and adventure, Kirwan which is strictly academic and powerfully efficient: Campese's Cavalier to Kirwan's Roundhead.

won the encounter in this last summer's series. But the bers of families on visits were Wallabies were in better shape when they reached here, which



was to Campese's benefit. Yet. if New Zealand might be said to be diminished by Kirwan's absence, if the occasion arose, the team's potency, you always feel, would yet survive. The removal of Campese, however.

It is rare for a winger to have such inflaence, as Campese does, on a game of rugby. He goose step of his uncharacteristically unstylish.

He does not allow the whims of others, though, to enslave here he must have found a

compliment paid to Campese than to say he is an original. None the less, at Cardiff against the Barbarians there was, born of local ambition for local boys, a certain parochial

metres or so of the ground, the ball, precariously grasped in his palm, squeezed out embarrassingly, a scoring chance was frittered. This was met with a bellow of derision and the scoffing laughter of the mob.

After that maturing moment, you felt — you boped that his moment would come. And come it did. As Barry John once flaunted his gifts in one tantalizing moment at the Arms Park in his final rugby to score, in what is likely to be his last match in the Australian colours in Wales, a try which defined his special art.

as we know. But his greatest hallmark is the impression of good time he manages to create for himself to weave his

the crowd hailed the conquering hero and gave him the accolade of a standing ovation. For, as he sauntered behind the posts, they saw in him what they had seen all along

#### Gordon brings Norwich relief Caution greets McKnight, the West Ham-By Gerry Harrison goalkeeper, in the early moments before he blocked Ro-West Ham United.....

Norwich City

With a sigh of relief, Norwich City yesterday clambered back to the top of the first division and, almost apologetically, trod West Ham United further into the division's sub-soil. Their anxiety was not so much the result of appearing live on television, but of playing at Carrow Road.

Although Norwich had led the table since October 8, until Arsenal removed them briefly on Boxing Day, they have shown their championshp potential only intermittently during their last four games. When they leapt into a twogoal lead after 61 minutes, with Crook and Townsend

#### First division leaders

controlling the midfield and inspiring their best football, it had been broken.

Yet even against the bottom club, the team with a defensive record in the League of six wins in 12 months, Norwich came dangerously close to spoiling their day. When Phelan was spotted

pushing Kelly in the penalty area and Stewart successfully took the penalty, West Ham found a lifeline and played their best football. Yet despite the promptings of Brady, some dangerous moments from Rosenior and a brilliant run and shot by Ince. West Ham could not conjure the goal which would have given them a point they deserved for good behaviour and nice

If West Ham played as if they still expect a happy ending, there was much more conviction in the Norwich game, especially in a first half which was pleasing, even ele-gant at times. Gordon tested

sario's close range deflection of Putney's header. West Ham threatened only once when first Dale and then Dickens had shots charged down by squads of Norwich defenders.

Yet the foundation of Norwich's good run so far is have been taught to keep plugging away and await their awards. It was not long into the second half before their play, at a higher tempo now, brought recompense. West Ham had been forced

to leave Martin in the dressing-room at half-time because of influenza and Rosario was especially pleased as the opposing captain had made his life difficult. The introduction of Stewart, playing only his fourth game of the season, also heartened Norwich.

The door opened when Rosario sent Gordon down the right and McKnight chose to dash out and attempt a full back's interception. He failed and Gordon did well to squeeze his shot in from an oblique angle.

wich went further ahead when Gunn's long kick went from Rosario to Fleck and Townsend, roaring through from midfield prodded the ball under McKnight. Again the goalkeeper looked as if he should have smothered the

For the next 10 minutes Norwich played exhibition football until a cross from the right was headed on by Rosenior and Phelan was penalised for pushing Kelly. Stewart comfortably scored his third goal despite his scene was set for a courageous spell from West Ham and a handful of anxious moments for Norwich.

NORWICH CITY: B Gurn: I Culverhouse, M Bowen, I Crook, A Linighen, A Townsend (sub: Butterworth, D Gordon, R Fleck, R Rosento, M Phelan, T Putney, WEST HAM: A McKnight, S Potts, G Parris, A Gale, A Martin (sub; R Stewart), A Devonshire, L Bredy, D Kelly, L Rosentor, A Dickers, sub: K Keen, P Ince. Referee: M Balley (Cambridge).



Moving up: Phelan, the Norwich captain, clears as Devonshire is crowded out by Townsend

#### Incentive to regain the lead By Gerry Harrison

occasion lifted the players not so much the live television. but rather the crowd and the fact that we had been knocked off the top of the table the day before. We kept plugging away and I feel we showed the public

that we can play a bit of football. "As George Graham said yesterday, you don't win anything by being top at Christmas. All we can do is keep going and enjoy ourselves."

Michael Phelan, the Norwich captain, said: "I can't grumble too much about the penalty, but after that the game seemed to turn against way they played against us, we very nearly came unstuck.

didn't do much for us. I thought we coped with it quite well, but I think we were happy to hear the final whistle. Things haven't gone as well as we hoped at home

"It's always a pleasure to play against West Ham, who play the same way as we do. They are a positive side without getting the breaks some of their play deserved. It's hard to explain why we should be at the top and they should be at the bottom. I can't put my finger on that except to say that if they keep playing the hold of the ball and keep it and

Dave Stringer, the Norwich us. I suppose it increased the and keep believing it's right, manager, said "I think the entertainment value, but it then they will get out of

Another Notwich player, Ian Crook, an avid West Ham supporter in his youth, was impressed by their play: "I followed West Ham home and away in the Seventies when I could, particularly in the 1975 Cup run and in the European matches, and it's always great for me to be in the side against them. Honestly, I thought they were a good side and hard to play against. But we let ourselves down in the last 20 minutes. We never seem to get

#### United interested as Allen seeks transfer

becaue he wants to play for recent games. one of the top six big clubs", terest: their valuation of the former England under-21 player is less than half that.

Martin Allen, the Queen's manager, he wants "a change Park Rangers midfield player of scenery" after a decade at who has been placed on a Lotus Road. He has objected transfer list at his own request to being played at right back in

Alan McDonald, the Northhas attracted an enquiry from ern Ireland centre half. David Manchester United (Dennis Kerslake and Gavin Maguire Signy writes). The asking price are also on the transfer list; in excess of £500,000 will they all asked to go before probably end United's in- Francis succeeded Jim Smith. Francis plans further talks with David Seaman, the Eng-

land squad goalkeeper. Sea-Allen, a cousin of both Clive man has been offered a new Allen, of Bordeaux, and the contract by Richard Thomp-Tottenham Hotspur player, son, the QPR chairman, and Paul Allen, has told Trevor will give his decision this

#### the Football League Executive never again see attendances Staff Association (FLESA) like on Boxing Day."

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#### Test player is accused of homicide

Chandigarh (Reuter) - The Indian Test player. Navjot Singh Sidhu, was charged with homicide yesterday after a man died during an altercation over a minor traffic

Police said that Sidhu and a companion are accused of beating up the driver of a vehicle which ran into the back of their car in the town of Patiala, in north India's Punjab state. The driver died on

the way to hospital. They said Sidhu, charged with "culpable homicide short of murder", was not in custody and appeared to have fled. Sidhu made his Test debut against West Indies in 1983.

#### Pipe one short of fastest 100 By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Martin Pipe, the season's lead- course to beat that record by certainty in a race as tough as

ing trainer, continued his remarkable run of success with a five-timer yesterday, spearheaded by Bonanza Boy in the Coral Welsh National at

Chepstow. Peter Scudamore rode all of Pipe's four winners at the Gwent course while Jonothan Lower partnered Pertemps Network to victory at Wolverhampion to put the Somerset trainer on the 99 mark for the

SERSOIL. Pipe has no runners today but several possibilities at his

tomorrow. The previous fastest hundred by a trainer was recorded Boy's target all season," Pipe by Michael Dickinson on said. "I told everyone that if there was such a thing as a March 8, 1983, so Pipe is on

more than two months. Pipe, Dickinson and Arthur Stephenson remain the only men to have trained 100

winners in a season. Scudamore, with 109 winners already to his credit, is now in with a sporting chance of becoming the first National

Hunt jockey to ride 200 winners in a season. Bonanza Boy landed a gamble from 7-2 to 9-4 favourite in beating Run And Skip, the 1985 winner, by 12 lengths. The Thinker, attempting to concede 22lb to the winner. ran a fine race to finish third

"This has been Bonanza

the Welsh National, this was it. It's all down to the horse and the brilliant Peter Scudamore. He spent hours schooling him to restore his

At Kempton Park, Kribensis consolidated his position as Champion Hurdle favourite and maintained his unbeaten record with a fluent victory in the Top Rank-Christmas Hurdle.

Hills clipped the winner from 11-4 to 5-2 for the big race at Cheltenham. Michael Stoute will now give Kribensis a brief rest before running Sheikh Mohammed's grey in one of the Champion Hurdle

More racing, pages 26-27 Northern.

#### Klinsmann on move Stuttgart (AP) - The West

German player, Juergen Klinsmann will join Inter Milan next summer, the weekly magazine Sport Bild said vesterday. Klinsmann, aged 24, will

receive an annual salary of £260,000 and Inter will pay £1.25 million his present club, VfB Stuttgart, according to the magazine.

Eagle's flight Sheffield Eagles have transferlisted Mark Fleming, just 12 months after paying a club record fee, £5,000, for the

loose forward from Bradford



SPORT IN BRIEF

#### Silivas: top athlete Sports death

editor of the Daily Telegraph. home from his office on the

Ronald O'Connor, the sports was killed in a car crash on the A286 at Milford, Surrey, on Boxing Day night on his way Isle of Dogs, east London.

#### High ranking Vienna (AP) - The gymnast.

Daniela Silivas, who won three gold medals in women's gymastics at the Olympics, was chosen by Romanian journalists the athlete of the year, it was reported yesterday,

#### Under arrest

Belgrade (AP) - Zelko Obradovic, a member of Yugoslavia's national basketball team, which won the silver medal at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, has been arrested for draft evasion, it was reported

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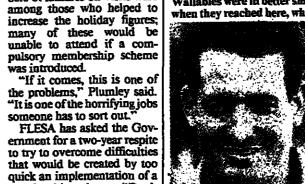
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MEDAY

It was the All Black who



would dismember Australia. transcends the limits which are usually imposed on the position, although I find, dare I ever quibble, that high-knee

him. He is rumoured not to have got on with Alan Jones, the previous Australian coach. and so in order to perform as he did on the all-too-brief tour kindred spirit in Dwyer.

When, having covered 50

game faces its biggest crisis ever," he said. "If the Govern-Eddie Plumley, chairman of ment gets its way we may

He greeted it, marvellously, with his own rueful smile. Schoolboys present at that exemplary instant should pon-der long and hard on his behaviour; teachers even more so. In that moment of weak-ness, exposed as he was in the way only a sportsman can be on a vast expanse of grass, no tantrum betrayed bim. Campese remained in good grace under pressure and admirably and humourously in command.

match, so Campese manage He moves this way and that.

At this crowning moment

but were too reluctant to admit: the rugby player they themselves would wish to be.